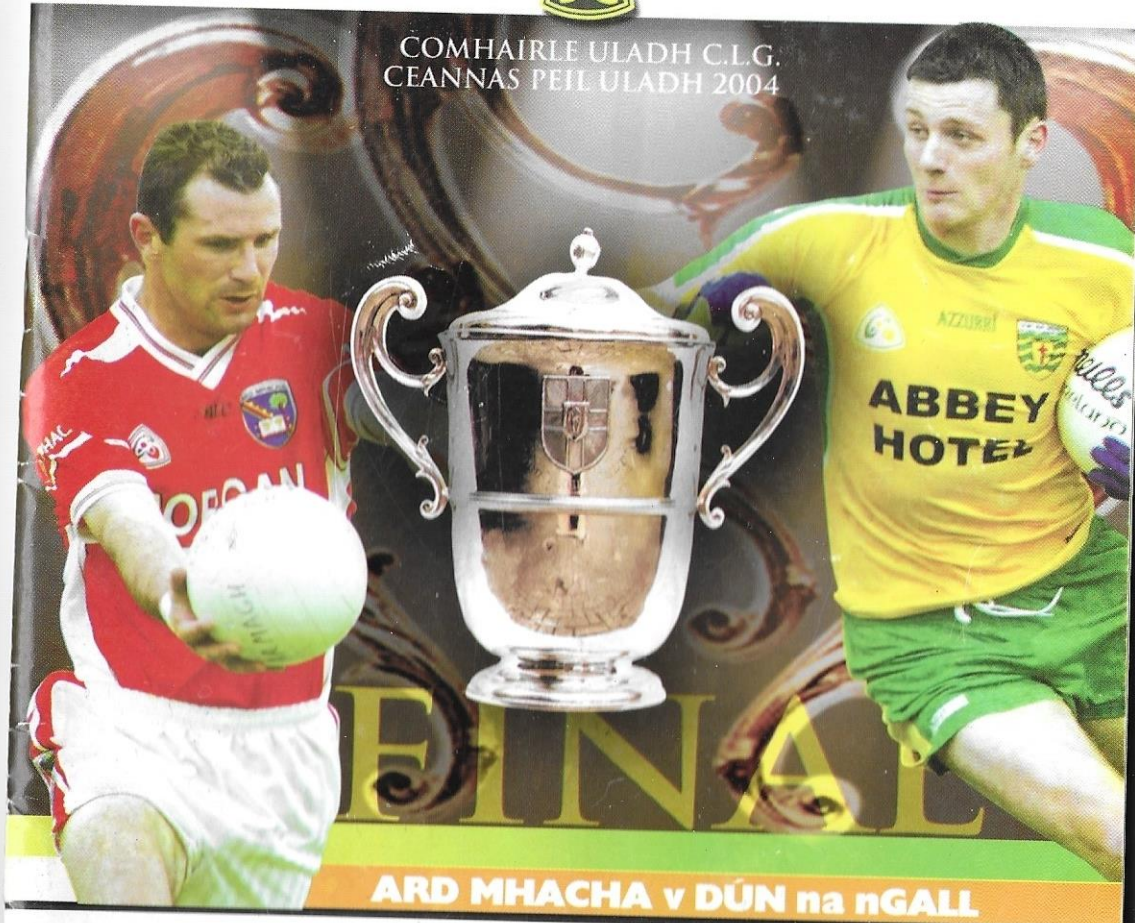


Bank of Ireland
Football Championship



COMHAIRLE ULADH C.L.G.
CEANNAS PEIL ULADH 2004



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

LUACH
€3.00

CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL

FINAL

Páirc an Chrócaigh, Baile Atha Cliath

Donall O'Hurshú
RUNAÍ

11 Iúil 2004

ASK NOT
WHAT YOUR
COUNTY
CAN DO
FOR YOU



Bank of Ireland

Football Championship

Comhairle Uladh C.L.G. - Ceannas Peil Uladh 2004



Bank of Ireland
Football Championship



CLUICHE CEANNAS
PEIL ULADH 2004

FINAL

ULSTER MINOR FINAL

12.40 in AN DÚN V TIR EOGHAIN

Réiteoir: Padraig Hughes (Ard Mhacha)
Standby Referee: Robbie O'Donnell (Dún na nGall)
Linesman: Barry Toland (Doire)
Standby Linesman: Gregory Walsh (Aontroim)

Bank of Ireland Ulster Football SENIOR FINAL

14.30 in ARD MHACHA V DÚN NA nGALL

Réiteoir: Michael Collins (Corcaigh)
Standby Referee: David Coldrick (An Mhí)
Linesman: Tomás Quigley (Loch Garman)
Standby Linesman: Eoin Ó Ceallacháin
(Baile Atha Cliath)



15.07 in Cumann na nBunscoil ARD MHACHA V DÚN NA nGALL

Réiteoir: Gregory Walsh (Aontroim)

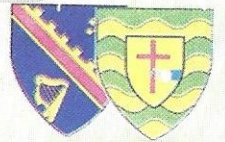
i bPáirc
an Chrócaigh,
Baile Atha Cliath
11ú Iúil, 2004

BUÍOCHAS: Comhairle Uladh would like to thank the
County Boards and all other contributors for their
assistance in the compilation of this programme

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



ULSTER



CURRAN

Sports Ground Contractors

CONTRACTS

30 Blackwatertown Road, Armagh BT61 8EZ

Ph: (028) 37524861 Fax (028) 37528529

Mobile (07860) 254666

FULL RANGE OF SERVICE FOR SPORTSGROUNDS

New Pitches: Sand Carpet, Sportaturf or Topsoil Design,
Management & Consultancy

Upgrade Existing Pitches: Bandslitting, Drainage, Verti-Drain

Maintenance: Seeding, Fertilise Grass Cutting

Equipment: Floodlights, Ballstops, Goalposts, Nets,

Fencing (Special Price on Palisade)

Curran Contracts For All Your Pitch Needs

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Ar son Comhairle Uladh ba mhaith liom fáilte a ghabhad libh an seo inniu go Pairc an Chrocaigh do na Cluichí Ceannais Peil Uladh 2004. Is liú stairiúil é seo i gceannas Cumann Luthchleas i gCraige Uladh mar is é seo an dara uair duinn sa Pairc seo ach an céad uair sa pháirc nua. Fearaim fáilte speisialta don Taoiseach Bertie Aherin agus Uachtarán Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Seán Ó Ceallaigh



Today the Ulster Final returns to Croke Park for the first time in sixty five years, and it is a fitting and suitable venue to accommodate the large number of supporters waiting to attend as Comhairle Uladh sets out on our second century. The decision to stage the game here is in keeping with our policy in 2004 of staging games at venues capable of accommodating all the supporters - especially families and children - who wish to attend. Croke Park belongs to the Association and we in Ulster are certainly members - and very strong, proud and loyal members at that. As such we are surely entitled to use an Association venue which is suitable and available for this year. This is in keeping with our policy of deciding on a provincial final venue each year at the appropriate time in a democratic manner by the members of Comhairle Uladh.

We have made a major investment in St Tiernach's Park in Clones and have no plans to abandon that financial input. We are of course committed to all venues in Ulster.

We congratulate the four Counties, Armagh, Donegal, Down and Tyrone who have reached today's finals and wish them good luck. We expect close and exciting games fitting to grace this great occasion.

This final will retain its Ulster 'flavour' irrespective of location. Everyone who works for us throughout the championship will continue to do so today be they officials, stewards, band or in any capacity so that our supporters will see all the familiar faces.

We are delighted to be able to welcome the young Cumann na mBunscoil players of the future to Croke Park today in the hope that a number will return to grace a final in the future.

On a great day like this we might spare a moment to remember some people who were with us last year and have passed to their eternal reward. A number immediately spring to mind like Cormac McAnallen, John Vesey, Sean McGlinchey, Paddy O'Rourke - go mbeana Dia trocaire ortha.

In conclusion may I wish everyone a very enjoyable day, bask in the great day that is Ulster Final Day agus go mbeirimid beo ag an am seo arís.

Le gach dea-ghuí
Is mise le meas

Micéal Ó Grianain



FOCAL AN
UACHTARÁN

WELCOME FROM BANK OF IRELAND

Bank of Ireland



On behalf of Bank of Ireland, I would like to welcome you all to Croke Park on this historic day. For the first time ever, the Bank of Ireland Ulster football final will be played in GAA Headquarters, an indication of how popular football has become in the province and the determination of Comhairle Uladh to facilitate as many supporters as possible.

Bank of Ireland have been enjoying a fantastic period of football with both Armagh and Tyrone having won the 2002 and 2003 All-Ireland finals.

Today sees Armagh chasing their fourth provincial title in six seasons. Donegal on the other hand, are looking for their first Ulster title since 1992. Armagh and Donegal drew over 76,000 spectators to Croke Park for last year's Bank of Ireland football semi-final. That day, Armagh were victorious winning by four points. Donegal will no doubt want to reverse that result today ensuring we have a most exciting and passionate Bank of Ireland Ulster final to look forward to.

Bank of Ireland are proud to sponsor what is without doubt Ireland's largest and most compelling sporting championship. Last year proved to be a bumper year for Football fans with many fantastic games between May and September. You the fans also gave the Bank of Ireland Football Championship a vote of confidence, with well over 1 million fans attending throughout the Championship. This year has already served us some exciting games and I am sure that today's game will be no different. I would like to wish both Armagh and Donegal the very best of luck today and in their future campaigns and I hope you enjoy this afternoon's great sporting occasion.

Colm McKenna
Head of Group Marketing NI
Bank of Ireland



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



CLÁR AN LAE

11ú Iúil 2004

MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

BANK OF IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

AN DÚN V TÍR EOGHAIN

ARD MHACHA V DÚN NA nGALL

- 12.25 An Dún amach ar an bPáirc
- 12.28 Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc
- 12.40 Start of Minor Football Championship Final: An Dún v Tír Eoghain
- 13.10 Half Time
- 13.20 Start of Second Half
- 13.50 End of Minor Game St Michael's CBS Band
- 13.57 Presentation of Corn Péil na Mionúir to Captain of winning team by Tomas Ó Daláigh, Leas Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh

- 14.10 Ard Mhacha amach ar an bPáirc
- 14.13 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
- 14.23 Paráid
- 14.25 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 14.30 Tús an Chluiche: Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall
- 15.07 Half Time Primary School Game Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall
- 15.22 Start of Second Half
- 15.59 End of Senior Football Game
- 16.05 Presentation of Corn Anglo Celt to Captain of winning team by Micéal Ó Grianáin, Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh



Bank of Ireland
Football Championship



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

AMHRÁN NA BHFÍANN

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

NA RÉITEOIRÍ



MINOR

PAURIC HUGHES (ARD MHACHA)

Pauric is a member of the Crossmaglen Rangers Club in Armagh. This is his third year of Inter-County Refereeing. Pauric has referred many games in Ulster at Underage and Minor Level.

His recent assignments this year so far are Cavan v Fermanagh in the McKenna Cup, Down v Fermanagh in the U-21 Championship 1st May last he was the man in the middle in the Minor League Final between Cavan and Tyrone and on the 9th May he took charge of the Minor clash between Tyrone and Derry at Clones.

Pauric is married to Geraldine and most of his time is taken up with refereeing but Pauric plays some Golf when not busy with GAA.



SENIOR

MICHAEL COLLINS (CORCAIGH)

Michael is a member of the Clonakilty GAA club in Cork.

He has been a member of the referees inter-county panel since 1994. In 2001 he refereed the Ulster Football Final.

The All-Ireland Football Final and the All-Ireland Club Semi Final between Ballinderry and Rathnew in 2002 he was in charge of the Football League game between Cavan and Tyrone and the Leinster Senior Championship game between Meath and Westmeath

In 2003 Michael refereed the Ulster Semi Final between Derry and Donegal.



NA MBUNSCOL

GREGORY WALSH (AONTROIM)

Club: st Mary's, Aghagallon
Age: 34

Gregory has refereed numerous Ulster Minor League games as well as Minor, Under 21 and Intermediate County Finals.

he joined the ulster Refereeing panel in 2002. Gregory played with his club until recently and represented Antrim at under 21 level.

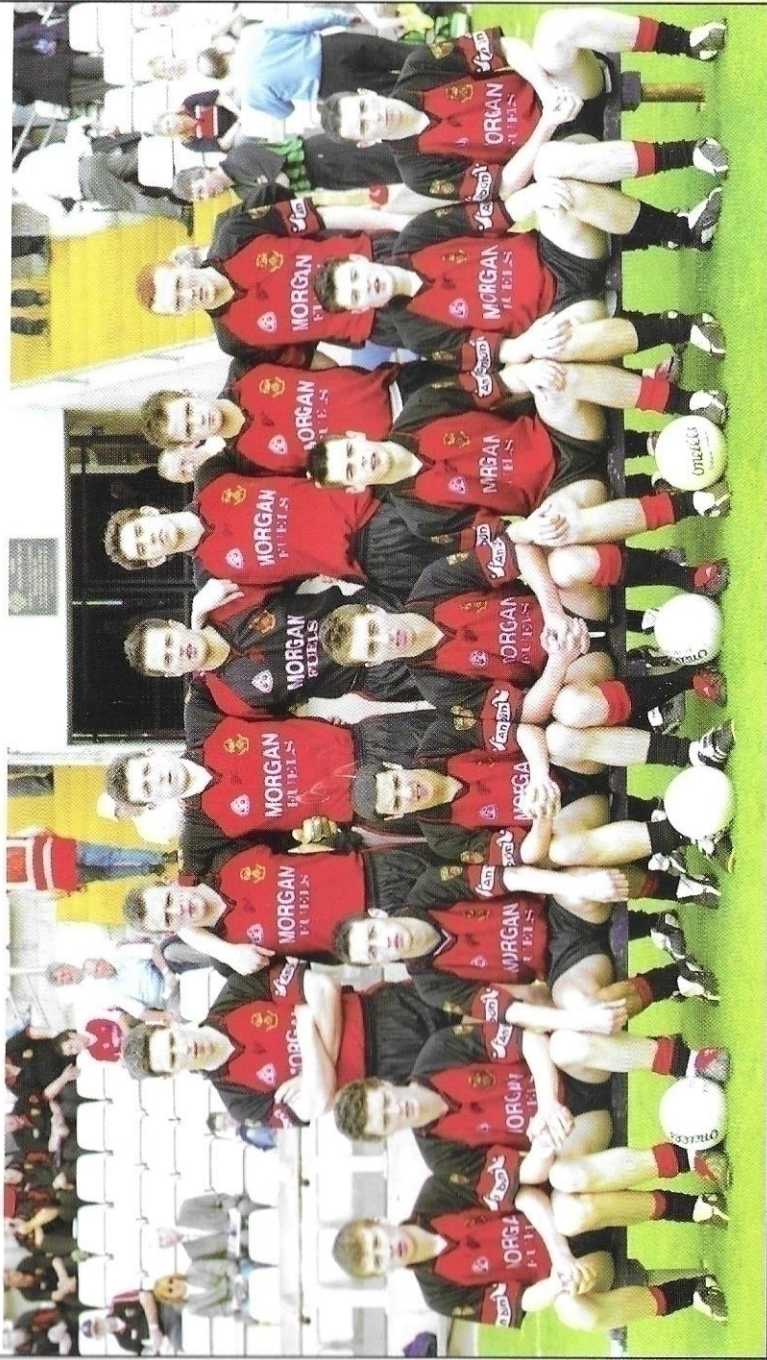
He refereed the Monaghan v Armagh Minors replay at Cavan on 30th May last.

Married to Catherine in 2003, Gregory is an active club committee member and assists with coaching of under age players.

NA RÉITEOIRÍ

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

DOWN MINOR TEAM 2004



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

TYRONE MINOR TEAM 2004



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

We have been here before!

When it was first announced that the 2004 Ulster Final would be played in Croke Park some in the media wrote that it would be the first time for an Ulster Final to be played outside the province. This is far from the truth as this, believe it or not, is the sixth time for an Ulster Final to be played in Leinster, and the second time for it to be played in Croke Park. In fact, the first ever Ulster Final was played in Drogheda while three others were played in Dundalk. Here are some of the details:-

1888:- In the first ever Ulster Championship, Cavan and Monaghan, the only two counties having established County Boards, contested the Final. Monaghan were represented by Inniskeen Grattans and Cavan was represented by Maghera MacFinns. The game was originally fixed for Dundalk but Cavan objected and it was transferred to Drogheda. On 19th August the sides thus met at Drogheda and ended all-square at 0-2 each. The replay took place at the same venue on 7th September 1888 and, even though there were troubles over the starting time, as Inniskeen arrived late, having missed the train in Dundalk and travelled on three brakes to Drogheda, the game was eventually got under way. This time Inniskeen won, 0-3 to 0-1, to become the first ever Ulster football champions.

1910:- Six counties contested the 1910 Ulster Championship (Derry, Donegal and Down were the absentees). Down had withdrawn from their game with Antrim while Derry did not field against Tyrone. Armagh and Monaghan drew, Monaghan winning the replay, while the Cavan v Fermanagh game was abandoned when the ball burst. On 17th July Antrim beat Monaghan in a semi-final, 1-4 to 1-3, while Cavan beat Tyrone in the second semi-final. The Final was not played until 18th June 1911 and took place in Dundalk, when the result was Antrim 3-4, Cavan 0-1. A Cavan newspaper castigated their own players with the statement "Cavan were beaten at all points. They were dead slow all over. You cannot cut finished footballers out of a hedge. Our players have no style, a clumsy catch and awkward delivery".

1931:- Derry and Fermanagh were absent from the 1931 Ulster Championship. Monaghan defeated Tyrone, 3-9 to 1-3; Armagh overcame Down, 0-6 to 0-4; and Donegal defeated Antrim, 2-4 to 0-2, at Letterkenny, but when Antrim objected, Donegal were eliminated for late fielding. In the semi-finals Armagh defeated Monaghan, 1-9 to 0-4, and Cavan got the better of Antrim, 4-9 to 2-3. The Final was fixed for Breifne Park, but Armagh appealed and the Central Council over-ruled the Ulster Council and fixed the game for Dundalk on 2nd August. There had been much ill-feeling between the two counties prior to this one

and the game drew some 10,000 spectators, the biggest crowd ever to attend a game in Dundalk up to that time. The Final, however, went off peacefully enough, with Cavan getting the verdict on a Cavan 0-8 Armagh 2-1 score-line. The game was remarkable for the performance of Cavan's legendary Jim Smith.

1939:- Derry and Fermanagh were again absentees from the 1939 Championship. In the semi-finals Cavan had an easy win over Donegal while Armagh defeated Monaghan in a replay, thus leaving the way clear for a Cavan v Armagh Ulster Final. This was fixed for Castleblayney on 6th August and tremendous work was put into preparing the Monaghan venue for the Final, but all this proved useless for the huge crowd that turned up to witness the game between the two arch rivals of Ulster football at that time. The fencing caved in and the crowd continually encroached onto the pitch. With Cavan leading by two points midway through the second half, Armagh were awarded a "throw-in" (as it was then) but when Jim McCullough went to take the throw he was struck by a spectator and suddenly all hell broke loose. Spectators were all over the pitch and referee Jim Murtagh of Down had little option but abandon the game. The replay was fixed for Croke Park the following Sunday, 13th August, in conjunction with the All-Ireland semi-final between Mayo and Kerry. Thus two Ulster teams lined out in an Ulster Final at Headquarters to settle the 1939 Championship. The result: Cavan 2-3, Armagh 1-4.

1942:- With Derry and Fermanagh still absent from the senior championship, Cavan, Down, Armagh and Donegal qualified for the 1942 semi-finals. Cavan had a runaway 7-10 to 4-6 win over Donegal in the first semi-final, while Down overcame Armagh, 1-12 to 2-5, in a 'replayed' second semi-final. Their first meeting had had to be abandoned a few minutes from full-time when, with Down leading by 0-7 to 0-6, the pitch was invaded and the crowd refused to leave, giving the referee no option but abandon the game. As Down had travelled to Breifne Park in Cavan for the 1940 Final, they were now given the choice of venue for the 1942 Final, and they picked Dundalk. Travel restrictions were much in vogue at the time, yet some 7,000 spectators turned up at the north Louth venue, most of them from Down, but Cavan were the victors on a final score-line of:- Cavan 5-11, Down 1-3.



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

BY JOHN CAMPBELL, BELFAST TELEGRAPH

DOWN v TYRONE

It's to the Minor footballers of Down and Tyrone that the honour of becoming the first Ulster sides to contest a provincial final at Croke Park falls today.

From a tentative start to their campaign, Tyrone have stepped up a gear to remain very much in contention to retain their title.

It was in an uneasy win over Derry that Tyrone joint managers Liam Donnelly and Martin Coyle began to wonder if their side still had the appetite and attitude to remain as Ulster's Minor kingpins. But they need not have worried. Tyrone subsequently overcame Fermanagh and then cantered to a facile win over Donegal at the semi final stage.

Injuries and the unavailability of key players had threatened to undermine Tyrone's bid initially but today they come to Croke park as a well-drilled, focussed side imbued with ambition and drive.

But then Down, too, are buyoed for the task in hand, not least because today's team represents a county with a rich pedigree at headquarters.

It was back in 1960 that Down re-wrote the history books when they became the first northern side to land the Sam Maguire Cup and when they repeated the feat the following year, it became clear that this indeed was an extra special outfit.

That's why the young wearers of the famed red and black jersey today find themselves with a lot to live up to but they could hardly ask for a better mentor than All Ireland winner Ross Carr, a man who has given sterling service to the county. It was as a member of the 1991 and 1994 teams which captured 'Sam' that Ross earned his own special niche in the annals of Down history and he brings his own brand of commitment, pride and dedication to his management role.

Down were made to fight all the way by Cavan in their opening game at Casement Park - indeed, it looked for a spell as if the match would end all square. but it was in the closing stages that Down's character surfaced and helped to take them to victory.

Down then went on to overcome Armagh at the semi final stage. Down's economic effort and accuracy proved crucial against an Orchard county side that pressed the self-destruct button by missing too many chances and taking wrong options.

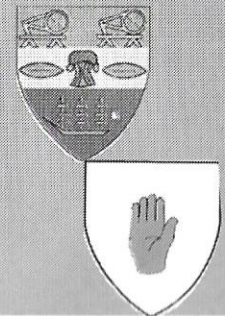
Yet if Down will be comforted by a solid pedigree today, Tyrone will be seeking to take a leaf out of their Seniors' book following that epic All-Ireland triumph last year. Tyrone know that they are favourites to retain their title but at the same time acknowledge that Down will offer a strong challenge to them.

Tyrone have been the dominant force at Minor level in Ulster in recent years - they are the reigning Minor League champions - but the Down conveyor belt of under age talent is currently operating at full throttle. Tyrone's emphasis on nurturing schools' talent is certainly reaping dividends on a wider front and not just in the Vocational Schools and Ulster colleges spheres and today further evidence will be on view in this regard.

So too will the progress which has been made in Down, a county which boasts some of the most famous Gaelic Football nurseries in the province.

There could hardly be a more appropriate pairing, indeed, to launch what prom-

MINOR FOCUS



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



AN DÚN na Mionúir

Fir Ionaid

- 16. Barry McEvoy
Boireann
 - 17. John McCarthy
Crois Darach
 - 18. Eamon McConville
Caislean Ruairi
 - 19. Roger Morgan
Cill Cumha
 - 20. Patrick Downey
Droim Gath
 - 21. Brendan McArdle
Eanach Cluana
 - 22. Declan Lavery
Naomh Micheal
 - 23. Richard Annett
An Riocht
 - 24. Joseph Ireland
Ath Bhriain
- 1
M Mac Alastair
Michael McAllister
Clann na Banna
- 2
L Ó hIomhair
Luke Howard
Ath Bhriain
- 3
S Parr
Sean Parr
Caislean Ruairi
- 4
P Mac Gaoithin
Padraig Mageehan
Darragh Cross
- 5
L Ruiseil
William Russell
Loch an Oileain
- 6
S Mac Colgan
James Colgan
An Riocht
- 7
R Ó Loinsigh
Ryan Lynch
Naomh Eoin Bosco
- 8
B Mag Lochlainn
Bernard McLoughlin
Boireann
- 9
S Ó Baoill
John Boyle
Rinn Mhic Giolla Rua
- 10
S Ó Deoráin
Stephen Doran
An Chloch Fhada
- 11
R Ó Ceallaigh
Ryan Kelly
An Chloch Fhada
- 12
D Ó Muireagáin
Daniel Morgan
Caislean an Mhuillin
- 13
M Ó Cleirigh
Martin Clarke
An Riocht
- 14
S Ó Seachnasaigh
Stephen Sands
Sabhaill
- 15
M Ó Fearail
Martin Farrell
Eanach Cluana

AN DÚN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor Ciceanna
IADH LEATH					
2ADH LEATH					
IOMLÁN					

TÍR EOGHAIN MINOR TEAM



Fir Ionaid

- 16. Darren McCann
Aireagal Chiaráin
 - 17. Sean O'Neill
An Droim Mór
 - 18. P J Quinn
Baile na Móna
 - 19. Cathal McCarron
An Omaigh
 - 20. Aiden Cassidy
Eochar
 - 21. John Gilmor
An Chorra Chríochach
 - 22. John Kelly
Aireagal Chiaráin
 - 23. Conal McElholm
An Omaigh
 - 24. Gerard McCaughey
Achadh Lú
- 1
S Ó Corráin
Jonathan Curran
Oileán a'Ghuail
- 2
N Mag Fhinn
Niall McGinn
Eascair
- 3
P Ó Mearthló
Paul Marlowe
Eascair
- 4
D de Burca
Damian Burke
Cluain Eo
- 5
B Ó Buaigh
Brendan Boggs
E. R. Uí Néill
- 6
N Mac Giolla Cheara
Niall Kerr
Oileán a'Ghuail
- 7
M Ó Muiri
Martin Murray
An Chorra Chríochach
- 8
R Ó Maoilchraoibhe
Ray Mulgrew
An Chorra Chríochach
- 9
S Ó hAgain
Shane O'Hagan
Cluain Eo
- 10
C Ó Néill
Cathal O'Neill
Doire Treasc
- 11
M Ó Cuinneagáin
Marc Cunningham (C)
Cill Íseal
- 12
S Mac Donnchaidh
Stephen Donaghy
Loch Mhic Ruairí
- 13
G Ó Doibhlinn
Gareth Devlin
An Chraobh
- 14
C Caomhánach
Colm Cavanagh
An Mhaigh
- 15
R Mac Ruairí
Ronan McCrory
Aireagal Chiaráin

TÍR EOGHAIN	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor Ciceanna
IADH LEATH					
2ADH LEATH					
IOMLÁN					

TELL ME I'M DREAMING!

BY MICHAEL DALY. DONEGAL DEMOCRAT AND BBC RADIO ULSTER

Croke Park, Ulster final, July 11th, Donegal against Armagh. Tell me I'm dreaming.

No. Great.

Armagh, dethroned in '03 by Tyrone, Tyrone dethroned by Donegal, it's all a bit claustrophobic, but then Ulster football always was, even before the world and its mother started to take a closer look.

Armagh, the best team in the land in 2002 and Donegal the team who never thought much of Armagh - ever. An odd sort of unhealthy disrespect! Hard to explain, but they know what I mean in Armagh. It's the near neighbour thing.

Now they have the Merc in the driveway and the plasma screen t.v., but you know where they come from.

You remember the days when the Loug Derg soup was the pre-pay day Thursday evening dinner in their house too.

We know where you've been and it binds and moulds a belief that you are good, but no better than us. To be admired, by all means, to be feared, never.

It's not that Donegal - the team - don't rate Armagh highly. No, it's just that every time Donegal play Armagh they think they can beat them, and today is the day.

Let's face it, no more than Tyrone's win last September over Armagh, there wasn't a whole pile between Donegal and Armagh when they last met in championship last August here at Croke Park.

That cockiness is important to Donegal and a cause of unease for Armagh. God they hate us for it. Have you no manners and don't you know your place in the pecking order. Tyrone and Armagh in the top tier of Ulster greatness, Donegal and all the rest a tier or two below. Learn your place. But Donegal is a place where ritual of class and order tend to be dropped overboard - pronto. There's a learned madness and an admirable kick towards the unconventional. It was best exemplified in 1992 when another Brian McEniff side had the bare faced cheek to sidle off with a Sam Maguire that already had a spot picked for it in Arnott's window.

And it's that element of uncertainty that gives Donegal an edge. They are never quite sure what to expect from themselves and their opponents are invariably even more confused when they meet Donegal truly on form. But Armagh is the master of slowly grinding their way to victory

Big, mechanical, methodical, menacing. They combine the torque, the twists and the upper body strength of rugby union and league. But don't be confused by Armagh's muscular approach to winning, as there is a subtlety in scoring and creating that should not be overlooked.

Yes, McKeever and the McEntees thrive on break ball and breaking tackles to create a numerical advantage, but there has been artistry too, much of it from the boot and body swerves of McConville and McDonnell and you just never know with Marsden or young Ronan Clarke. But that's enough idolatry. Armagh, a very good team, but imminently beatable.

And so to Donegal. A maze of contradictions over the past two seasons. Unloved and unwanted, they spent Christmas 2002 without a manager. No one wanted to know the bad boys of Ulster who parted company with then the best coach in the modern game - Mickey Moran. There was a haze of innuendo and recrimination about spending too long at the bar counter after a heroic joust with Dublin.

In the absence of any other, Brian McEniff, sacked three times by his board in a remarkable life time of playing, player managing and managing Donegal, took the unloved squad under his wing.

A league with six defeats on the bounce, a championship opener against Fermanagh that was mind numbingly painful and then a meandering route to an eventual All Ireland semi-final.

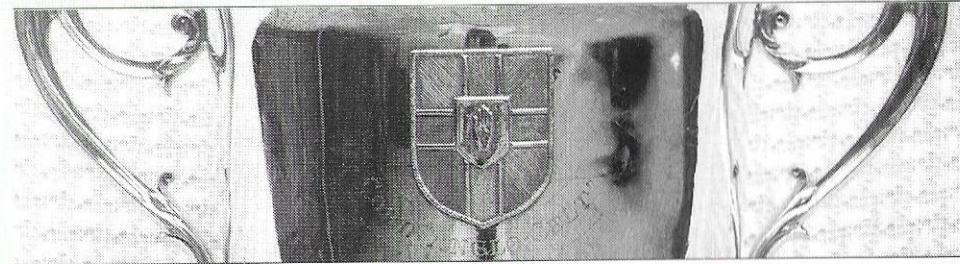
There is nothing conventional about Donegal, they will never take the simple route. They will never make it easy on themselves. Losing by 22 points in February to Tyrone in the Dr. McKenna Cup final, winning three months later with the same starting six defenders - finishing with five of them and just 14 men against the All Ireland champions. That's Donegal, best under pressure, best against the odds, remember another famous 14 man day in Ulster's 1992 final.

As predictable as Bertie Ahern's wardrobe, but always interesting. Donegal will not make it easy for themselves, it's not in their nature to take the direct route in anything, but they will get there, and it feels like today!

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

LET'S HOPE FOR A GAME IN KEEPING WITH THE OCCASION

BY MICHAEL MCGEARY. SUNDAY LIFE



Donegal's return to Croke Park and a place in the Bank of Ireland Ulster football final is a tribute to a new breed of footballer that has emerged older and wiser in the last 12 months.

Not so long ago the mere mention of Donegal would evoke memories of 92 and the elusive and much sought after Sam Maguire heading off there for the first time after a never to be forgotten victory over Dublin.

Names like McHugh and Molloy would trip off the tongue, men who with their colleagues had given so much to the county without any tangible reward.

But that historic Sunday in September 92 changed all that and the history makers would become household names overnight, feted and honoured the length and breadth of the country.

If there is one regret, it has to be their failure to have claimed the Sam Maguire a second time, but then they are in good company as Derry and Armagh will readily verify.

Now though a new generation has come to the fore, gifted, young men with the ability and skill to leave their mark at the highest level, players with the confidence and composure so crucial on the big stage.

In scoring a goal and seven points against All Ireland and Ulster champions Tyrone last month in the provincial semi-final Colm McFadden marked his arrival with an accomplished display that belied his tender years.

Some doubted Armagh's ability to return as genuine championship contenders after last September's All Ireland final defeat by old adversaries Tyrone.

It was argued they had been on the road too long and that time was fast catching up with them, but in disposing of Monaghan in their championship opener they looked revitalised and full of beans.

Their semi-final head to head with Cavan though was somewhat different in that they were given the fright of their lives before eventually finishing the stronger.

They again showed that indomitable fighting spirit that has been their hallmark down the years, twice coming back from three points deficit in the second half.

John McEntee still hasn't played a championship match since last year's All Ireland final and that has to be a major concern for his contribution to the cause over recent seasons cannot be overstated.

It's already an historic day, an Ulster final in Croke Park. Let's all hope we get a game in keeping with the occasion and may the best team win.


ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

DERRY PEOPLE





DONEGAL NEWS

Catch up with all of today's big match coverage in the Donegal News

No.1 IN THE HOMES OF DONEGAL



St. Anne's Court | High Road | Letterkenny | Co. Donegal.
Tel: (074) 91 21014, Fax: (074) 91 22881.
Website: www.donegalnews.com

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



KIERAN
MCGEENEY

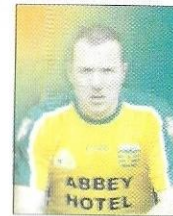
To have been given the honour of captaining this Armagh team over the last number of years has given me immense pride.

I sincerely hope that today's final in the unique setting for an Ulster Final of Croke Park will give the team the opportunity to display the football it is capable of.

I am looking forward to what I believe will be a tough but sporting encounter with a Donegal team which has already shown in this year's championship that it cares little for reputation and past glories.

However hopefully by the end of the day the Anglo Celt will once again find a resting place in Armagh

THE CAPTAINS



ADRIAN
SWEENEY

CAPTAIN SWEENEY HOPING TO MAKE IT THIRD TIME LUCKY

By: Tom Comack , Donegal Democrat, People Press, Highland Radio

Donegal captain Adrian Sweeney may be struggling to regain his form of last season, but Joe Kernan and his Armagh defence would be foolish to read too much into the Dungloe man's performances to date.

The All Star forward still carry's a big threat and is the man most Donegal supporters will look to, to bring the Anglo Celt Cup back to the Hill's for the first time since 1992.

This time last year he was receiving rave review as he brought Donegal down the scenic route and a great back door run. And by the end of June, he already had at least two men of the match pieces of crystal on the mantle piece.

But this has been very much of a slowing burner for the Dungloe man who is captaining the team for the second year. In Donegal's games to date, the first round win over Antrim, in Ballybofey, and last months shock semi-final victory over All Ireland champions Tyrone, last season's top scorer has just clocked up a mere 0-6. He struck 0-5 against Antrim and 0-1 in the Tyrone game.

A nagging back injury at the turn of the year, hampered his early season preparation, and when he finally got over that, he dislocated his shoulder in a club game with just four weeks to go to the first round tie with Antrim.

Indeed, it was a minor miracle that he made the Saffron clash at all. But make it he did. And while lacking the sharpness and playing in a more withdrawn role in front of Brendan Devenney and Colum McFadden he still contributed handsomely to the win.

And after a quiet first half against Tyrone, he came good in the second period when moved to centre half forward, and turned provider for new kid on the block Colum McFadden.

The arrival of McFadden may see the captain in his new withdrawn role again for much of today's tie. But if things are not going well and Donegal need a cutting edge in the front line, the Dungloe man may be back in his old stomping ground. And if he is Armagh better look out.

At 27, Sweeney is very much the father figure of this Donegal team and is now in his eight seasons wearing the green and gold. Today's is third Ulster decider and having suffered the heartbreak of defeat in the previous two, in 1998 to Derry and two years ago to Armagh, he would dearly love to make it third time luck and climb the steps to become the sixth Donegal man to lift the Anglo Celt aloft.

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

ARMAGH AND DONEGAL IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Armagh and Donegal have met on sixteen occasions in the Ulster Senior Football Championship and the Armagh men are out in front with ten victories to Donegal's six. Today's game will be their third meeting in an Ulster Final, with the scores level at one each from the previous two. Remarkably, it will be Armagh's second Ulster Final in Croke Park.

Armagh's Successes:- 1927, 1928, 1949, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1999, 2002.

Donegal's Winning Years:- 1940, 1967, 1968, 1983, 1990, 1993.

Results of Their Previous Meetings.



1927:- 22nd May (1st Round):- Armagh 0-8, Donegal 1-1; at Armagh.
1928:- 10th June (1st Round):- Armagh 1-8, Donegal 1-4; at Ballyshannon.
1940:- 23rd June (1st Round):- Donegal 0-6, Armagh 0-5; at Armagh.
1949:- 12th June (Semi-final):- Armagh 0-14, Donegal 1-4; at Letterkenny.
1967:- 4th June (1st Round):- Donegal 2-13, Armagh 1-8; at Armagh.
1968:- 16th June (1st Round):- Donegal 2-10, Armagh 1-3; at Ballybofey.
1981:- 31st May (1st Round):- Armagh 2-15, Donegal 0-13; at Armagh.
1982:- 30th May (1st Round):- Armagh 1-11, Donegal 0-13; at Ballybofey.
1983:- 12th June (1st Round):- Donegal 1-10, Armagh 0-7; at Ballybofey.
1984:- 3rd June (1st Round):- Armagh 1-10, Donegal 0-12; at Armagh.
1987:- 14th June (1st Round):- Armagh 1-8, Donegal 0-6; at Ballybofey.
1988:- 12th June (1st Round):- Armagh 2-10, Donegal 0-8; at Armagh.
1990:- 15th July (Final):- Donegal 0-15, Armagh 0-14; at Clones.
1993:- 27th June (Semi-final):- Donegal 0-15, Armagh 1-12; at Breifne Park. Replay:- 4th July:- Donegal 2-16, Armagh 1-7; at Breifne Park.
1999:- 6th June (1st Round):- Armagh 1-12, Donegal 2-9; at Ballybofey. Replay:- 13th June:- Armagh 2-11, Donegal 0-12; at Clones.
2002:- 7th July (Final):- Armagh 1-14, Donegal 1-10; at Clones.

ARMAGH AND DONEGAL IN ULSTER SFC FINALS.

Armagh have appeared in thirty-one Ulster Finals:-

Victories (10):-

1890:- Armagh 2-8, Tyrone 1-2; 1902:- Armagh 2-2, Antrim 0-7; 1950:- Armagh 1-11, Cavan 1-7;
1953:- Armagh 1-6, Cavan 0-5; 1977:- Armagh 3-10, Derry 1-5; 1980:- Armagh 4-10, Tyrone 4-7;
1982:- Armagh 0-10, Fermanagh 1-4; 1999:- Armagh 3-12, Down 0-10; 2000:- Armagh 1-12, Derry 1-11;
2002:- Armagh 1-14, Donegal 1-10;

Defeats (21):-

1891:- Cavan 1-11, Armagh 0-0; 1901:- Antrim 3-5, Armagh 2-5; 1903:- Cavan 0-8, Armagh 0-4;
1912:- Antrim 2-2, Armagh 0-1; 1917:- Monaghan 4-2, Armagh 0-4; 1920:- Cavan 4-6, Armagh 1-4;
1927:- Monaghan 3-5, Armagh 2-5; 1928:- Cavan 2-6, Armagh 1-4; 1931:- Cavan 0-8, Armagh 2-1;
1932:- Cavan 2-4, Armagh 0-1; 1934:- Cavan 3-8, Armagh 0-2; 1937:- Cavan 0-13, Armagh 0-3;
1938:- Monaghan 2-5, Armagh 2-2; 1939:- Cavan 2-3, Armagh 1-4; 1949:- Cavan 1-7, Armagh 1-6;
1954:- Cavan 2-10, Armagh 2-5; 1961:- Down 2-10, Armagh 1-10; 1981:- Down 3-12, Armagh 1-10;
1984:- Tyrone 0-15, Armagh 1-7; 1987:- Derry 0-11, Armagh 0-9; 1990:- Donegal 0-15, Armagh 0-14;

Donegal have appeared in thirteen Ulster Finals:-

Victories (5):-

1972:- Donegal 2-13, Tyrone 1-11; 1974:- Donegal 3-9, Down 1-12; 1983:- Donegal 1-14, Cavan 1-11;
1990:- Donegal 0-15, Armagh 0-14; 1992:- Donegal 0-14, Derry 1-9;

Defeats (8):-

1963:- Down 2-11, Donegal 1-4; 1966:- Down 1-7, Donegal 0-8; 1979:- Monaghan 1-15, Donegal 0-11;
1989:- Tyrone 2-13, Donegal 0-7; 1991:- Down 1-15, Donegal 0-10; 1993:- Derry 0-8, Donegal 0-6;
1998:- Derry 1-7, Donegal 0-8; 2002:- Armagh 1-14, Donegal 1-10;

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

FIRST AND LAST CHAMPIONSHIP CLASHES

First Meeting:- 1927:- Armagh 0-8, Donegal 1-1.

Armagh and Donegal met for the first time ever in the Ulster Senior Football Championship on Sunday the 22nd May 1927, when the sides met at the Athletic Grounds in Armagh City. Donegal were captained by Charlie McDwyer (Ardara), one of the finest players in the province at the time and who had earlier been selected as full-back on the Ulster team that played Munster in the revived inter-provincial series, played at Breifne Park in Cavan on 14th November 1926. Superb individual performances were given for the home side by John Valley, team captain Gene Hanratty and Jim Cooney in defence; Poppy Fearon at midfield; and by John Donaghy, Jack McCreesh and Francie Toner in the attack. J.Dorris gave Armagh an early lead with a point, to be followed by another from John McCusker. Taylor replied for Donegal to give them their only score of the opening half, but this was cancelled by a John Donaghy point just before the interval, when the score stood:- Armagh 0-3, Donegal 0-1. Armagh went further ahead in the opening stages of the second period with a brace of points from Toner and a similar pair from McCusker to put them 0-7 to 0-1 ahead. Donegal eventually sprang to life when Woods had their goal, but it was Armagh who finished the stronger with yet another point from Dorris. The sides lined out:-

Armagh:- Charlie Morgan, Gene Hanratty (capt), Jim Cooney, John Valley, Owen Connolly, Joe Harney, Harry Cumiskey, Poppy Fearon, John McCusker (0-3), John McGerrigan, John Donaghy (0-1), Francie Toner (0-2), J.Dorris (0-2), Jack McCreesh and Jack Corrigan.

Donegal:- O'Neill, P.Hannigan, C.McDyer (captain), McDonald, Drumm, Harrison, Taylor (0-1), O'Flaherty, Farrell, J.Carey, H.McGlynn, Duffy, Woods (1-0), Dowd and Roarty.

The referee for the game was F.McKeown (Cootehill).

Last Meeting:- 2002:- Armagh 1-14, Donegal 1-10.

The last clash of the counties in the Championship was in the Ulster Final of 2002. Donegal had a good 1-17 to 0-15 victory over Cavan in the preliminary round at Breifne Park, and followed this up with a 3-12 to 1-6 win over Down in the first round proper at Ballybofey. In the semi-final they accounted for neighbours Derry by 1-9 to 0-10 at Clones. In the other half of the draw Armagh started with a 2-13 to 0-16 victory over Tyrone at Clones and were back again at Clones to defeat Fermanagh 0-16 to 1-5 in the semi-final. Thus the two counties met at Clones on Sunday 7th July for the Ulster Final, later described by the Ulster Secretary, Danny Murphy, in his annual report as follows:-

"The Ulster Final was a memorable occasion with two highly motivated teams serving up a great game. It was clear that neither side contemplated defeat but, in the end, it was Armagh who lifted the Championship for the third time in four years, while the men from Donegal had demonstrated their intentions for the upcoming qualifier.

It should be recorded that the Ulster Council hosted a group of Government Ministers and Officials from the countries of Georgia and Abkhazia at the Final, and it was an occasion that proved that pride in ones culture has an important role to play in maintaining the identification of a nation and its people".

Armagh:- Brendan Tierney, Enda McNulty, Justin McNulty, Francie Bellew, Aidan O'Rourke (0-1), Kieran McGeeney (capt.), Kieran Hughes, John Toal, Paul McGrane, Paddy McKeever, John McEntee (1-1), Oisín McConville (0-5), Steven McDonnell (0-3), Ronan Clarke (0-3) and Diarmuid Marsden (0-1). Subs used:- Phillip Loughran and Barry O'Hagan.

Donegal:- Tony Blake, Shane Carr, Mark Crossan (captain), Noel McGinley, Ray Sweeney, Barry Monaghan, Kevin Cassidy, John Gildea, Jim McGuinness (1-0), Christy Toye (0-2), Michael Hegarty, Brian Roper, Adrian Sweeney (0-4), Brendan Devenney (0-3) and Paul McGonigle (0-1). Subs used:- Damien Diver, Eamonn Doherty, Kevin Rafferty, Colm McFadden and Brendan Boyle.

Armagh led at half-time, 1-6 to 0-6, and the game was refereed by Seamus McCormack (Meath). The Minor Final curtain-raiser was between Derry and Tyrone and resulted:- Derry 0-12, Tyrone 0-11.



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

It is a great privilege to be involved with this Armagh team in today's Ulster Final. I wish to thank all of the background team, especially Paul Grimley and John McCloskey, Eamon Mackle, Paddy Og, our medical team, the County Board for their continued support and our sponsor Hugh Morgan.

Donegal may have caused an upset in some people's eyes by defeating the reigning All-Ireland Champions in the semi final but it comes as no surprise to us that they will be our opponents in this year's final.

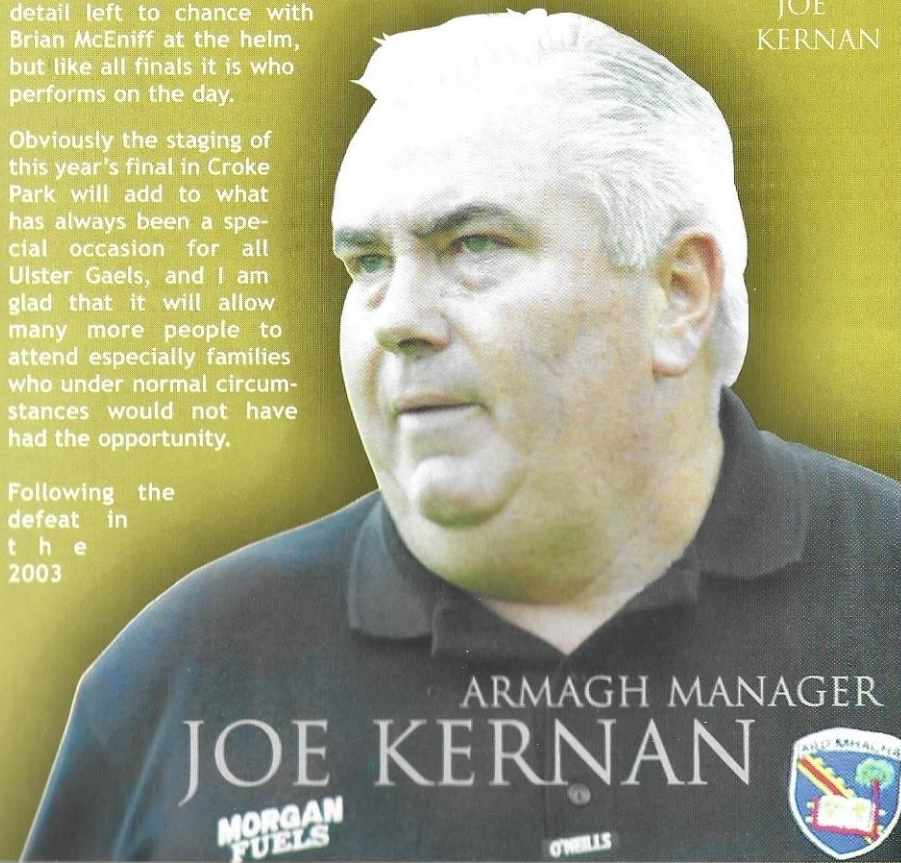
There is no question that they will come fully prepared with no detail left to chance with Brian McEniff at the helm, but like all finals it is who performs on the day.

Obviously the staging of this year's final in Croke Park will add to what has always been a special occasion for all Ulster Gaels, and I am glad that it will allow many more people to attend especially families who under normal circumstances would not have had the opportunity.

Following the defeat in the 2003

All-Ireland Final questions were being posed from certain quarters as to whether or not this team had the will to come back again, well it gives us a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to put on record that the commitment, dedication and renewed hunger displayed by our players is something that I have never experienced or doubted. I also wish to pay tribute to the tens of thousands of fanatical supporters that have backed us all the way over the last number of years, and hopefully we will be able to reward them with victory today.

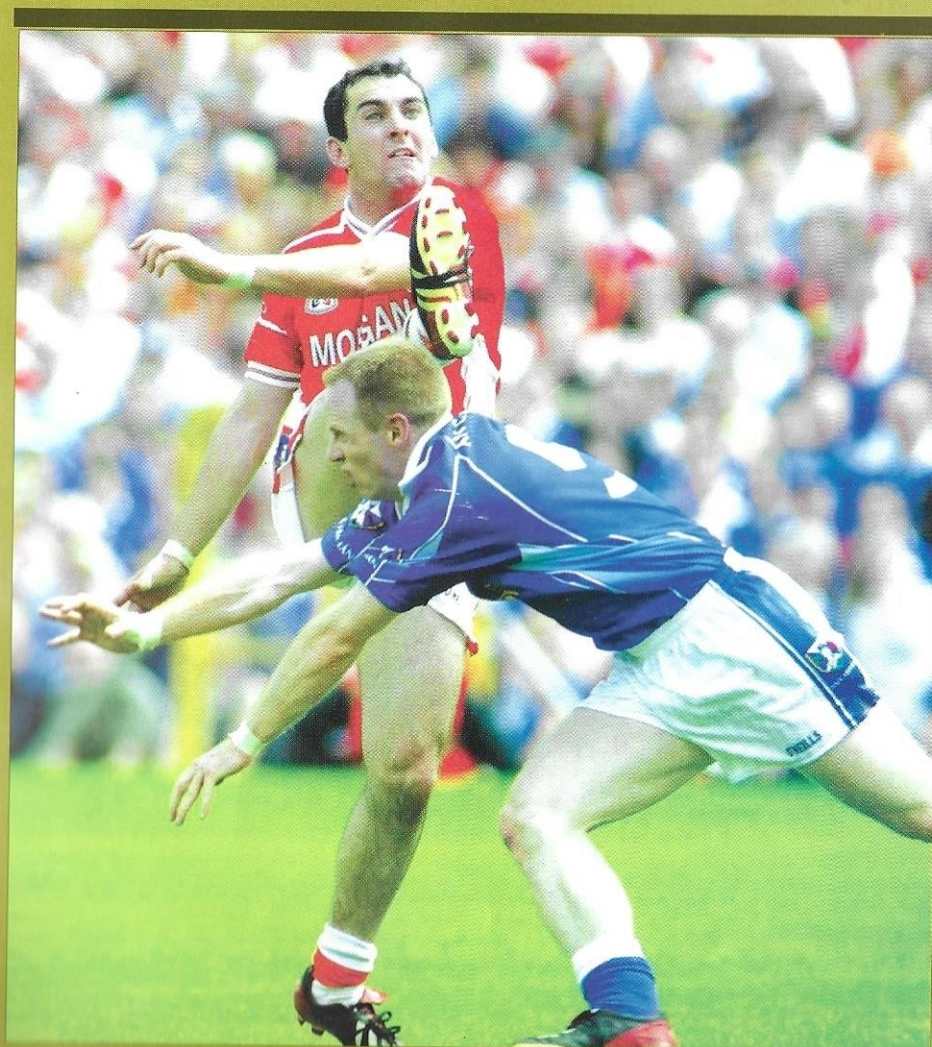
Yours in sport
JOE
KERNAN



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

ACTION

ARMAGH V CAVAN



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Irrespective of who lifts the Anglo-Celt Cup at Croke Park today friendly smiles and warm handshakes will be exchanged between supporters from Armagh and Donegal in keeping with the goodwill and harmony that has existed between these two counties over the years.

Both teams will arrive at headquarters in grand luxury coaches, far removed from travel arrangements of not so terribly long ago. I can well remember in the 1980's Brian McEniff driving into the Athletic Grounds in Armagh with a car load of his players for an Ulster championship opener. It was a tight squeeze which may have affected the team's performance as they lost. Things have certainly moved on a lot since then but Brian McEniff remains at the helm.

It seems anytime Donegal are in business the manager and director is the unsinkable McEniff. What an amazing track record the amicable Bundoran hotelier has and once again Donegal have come to the fore under his tutelage.

Up until 1999 Armagh hadn't a great record against

Donegal in Ballybofey and I have an interesting little anecdote about that the drawn game at Sean Mac Cumhaill Park. Donegal had banged in two early goals and it looked as if Armagh were in for a hiding until Diarmuid Marsden was sprang from the bench and the game changed dramatically so much so that Brian Roper had to grab an injury time point to make it a draw. As I was leaving the Park I came across a straw hat with the Armagh colours attached lying on the ground. Perhaps it had been discarded by some disgruntled fan who had decided to leave early. I lifted the hat and said to my company: "I'll not put that on until Armagh win the All-Ireland". I hadn't too long to wait. What was experienced that day in Ballybofey was the start of this great Armagh team who have been regular visitors to Croke Park ever since.

This, of course, is not the first Ulster Final to be played at Croke Park. Away back in 1939 Armagh and Cavan met, a late goal from Big Tom O'Reilly giving

Cavan victory in a low scoring encounter, Armagh having led all the way.

The story of Armagh and Donegal at inter-county level has many parallels. For years both counties failed as despite the excellence of ten and at times twelve All-Ireland class players both were always short the extra few that winning All-Ireland demands. The long awaited breakthrough finally arrived for Donegal in 1992 and ten years later it was Armagh's turn. And ten years ago the sides met in a Dr McKenna Cup game in Ballyshannon, Armagh winning 4-9 to 2-9. Today Armagh has three survivors, Donegal have none. Kieran McGeeney lined out at full back, Diarmuid Marsden wore the No 13 jersey and Paul McGrane came on as a sub.

Donegal's victory over All-Ireland champions Tyrone was typical of a team taking its chance. Many believe that Tyrone had an off day, that they were a bit jaded and setbacks had eventually got to them. Tyrone did everything they would normally do in a game with one crucial exception. They owned the ball in the opening 20 minutes but hadn't their customary scores on the board. Donegal despite being down a man knew they were well in contention at the half way stage and produced a second half performance as wholly inspiring as we are likely to see in the remainder of the championship.

Armagh may have won the last four encounters between these counties, including a league game in Ballybofey shortly after becoming All-Ireland champions. To say that Donegal really owe them one may be something of an understatement. But if the men from Tir Conaill are to break the trend, they needn't expect any favours from their opponents. Last year in Croke Park Armagh amassed an incredible 18 wides and were lucky to scrape home. Armagh can not depend on such generosity today, every score must be taken, every chance availed of. That's just how big a threat Donegal will pose.

Armagh will be hoping that the 'injection' of knocking out All-Ireland champions will have the same effect on Donegal as it had on Monaghan last year, the Farneymen beaten next time out.

Should Armagh emerge victorious, they will have conquered the three border counties, which certainly would be unique.

Armagh and Donegal will still be friends when it's all over

BY JOE MCMANUS

THE ULSTER FINAL IS SPECIAL

BY MATT FIZPATRICK, DOWN RECORDER

It is Ulster football finals day again and for me that is a special occasion. There is nothing like finals day to bring out the colour, glamour, excitement and passion that are now part and parcel of Gaelic Games.

It was in 1945 that I attended my first Ulster final when my native Fermanagh lost to Cavan by 4-10 to 1-4. The final score line did not matter. What counted was the opportunity to be present to witness brilliant footballers display their talents to an appreciative crowd. It may be a far cry from Clones to Croke Park but I will be there to attend my sixtieth Ulster final. Yes I have never missed an Ulster final in those intervening years.

I remember the excitement and transformation of the game by Antrim in 1946, the Cavan and Armagh games none more exciting than the 1950 final which Armagh won by 1-11 to 1-7. Then there was Tyrone's first triumph in 1956 when Jody O'Neill and his merry men won through for the first time. Down then came into the spotlight in 1959 with their first ever Ulster title beating Cavan by 2-16 to 0-7. Down's progress has been well chartered since then with five Sam Maguire wins while Derry, Donegal and last year Tyrone also brought the Sam Maguire Cup to Ulster.

These are just some of my memories of great Ulster finals whose image, attraction and attendances have grown and grown over those past 60 years. As a Fermanagh man born and bred I am still an Erne County man at heart. Although all of my adult life has been spent in Down with over 30 years a member of the Mourne County Board I still look on the Ulster Final as a special day - a day when the supporters from the competing counties get to show their appreciation and admiration and pride in their county, their team and the players. There is nothing to match an Ulster final. I have been to the other three provinces but Ulster stands head and shoulders above the rest for organisation, colour and excitement. The various supporters too show their talents too on the big day. I remember a banner in 1995 sported by a set of Tyrone supporters which declared 'Tyrone a Work of Art' with reference to manager Art McRory. Then in the All Ireland final of 1991 a Down banner on Hill 16 declared 'Withnell tames Lyons' referring to the Meath full back.

This year the Ulster final goes to Croke Park. This is only the second time that the final has been played outside the province. The other occasion was in 1942 when Cavan easily defeated Down in Dundalk. The reason then was the restrictions on car travel due to the war. This year it is in Croke Park. The attendances at Ulster finals had risen steadily for the past quarter of a century. So much interest is generated, so much hype is trotted out that everyone wants to see his or her county on finals day. It is the dream of every player to play in Croke Park. The players from Armagh, Donegal and Down break new ground but it should be a day to remember.

The senior final between Armagh and Donegal promises to be a real thriller.

Before the championship started I said to watch out for Donegal. There were the sleeping giants. Now they are wide awake. Their wins over Antrim and All Ireland champions Tyrone showed that Brian McEniff has a young, very talented and indeed explosive side that has yet to reach its true potential.

Armagh showed against Monaghan that the hunger of two years ago had returned. The batteries had been recharged and Joe Kernan has another side capable of lifting the Sam again. Cavan however brought them back down to earth. That is something that will spur them to even greater power in the final. Armagh have already collected the Ulster U21 title so the men from the orchard County have a good foundation on which to build. Donegal in their own quiet way have made the final with a fantastic 14 man display against Tyrone. The big question on everyone's lips is will the Armagh defence be as easily penetrated as Tyrone's. How will the wide expanses of Croke Park invite fast, open and exciting football. Both Donegal and Armagh have sides that can produce just that. It should be a terrific game and one fitting of the occasion.

For Down minor footballers this is another opportunity to taste the atmosphere of headquarters. Manager Ross Carr knows all about the big occasion and what it takes to win in Croke Park. He did it twice with Sam Maguire Cup wins. Down have a good record at Headquarters. In their four All Ireland finals they have brought home the Tom Markham Cup three times. A good omen indeed. However no matter who wins they will be worthy Ulster champions at senior and minor level.

Ulster is proud of its football tradition. This is just another step on the ever expanding way of Gaelic Games in the province. May the better teams win.



Name: Francie Bellew
Club: Crossmaglen Rangers
Age: 28
Height: 5'11"
Weight: 13st
Occupation: Fitter

Co. Senior Debut:
 3rd February 2002 v Louth

Honours:
Club: 3 All Ireland Club
 3 Ulster SFC Club
 8 Armagh SFC
County: ALL Ireland SFC 2002
 USFC 2002
 All Star 2003

Biggest influence on Football Career:
 Joe Kernan

Favourite Ground:
 Croke Park

Favourite referee:
 I get on well with all of them

Players I admire:
 My opponent

Ways of improving the game:
 Do away with yellow and red cards

Favourite Sports Programme:
 Breaking Ball

Hopes and aspirations:
 To continue playing for as long as I can

Armagh's fearless defender Francie Bellew holds the rare distinction of winning an All-Ireland senior medal at the first go-off. The year 2002 witnessed the inaugural sampling of inter-county football for the iron man from Crossmaglen and 'encouraged' by the remarks and comments of such notable analysts as Pat Spillane he collected a coveted All Star award the following year.

Bellew, however, didn't step on to the big stage totally unannounced. He had in his hip pocket three All Ireland club medals, six Armagh senior championship medals and a reputation of being a fierce competitor.

The 28 year old fitter made his county debut against Louth in February, 2002 and played in his first championship game against Tyrone in Clones a few months later. It was a long summer, Armagh going on to capture their first All Ireland crown. Playing for Crossmaglen Rangers, Francie normally lines out at centre half back.

When his county career was launched he was handed the No 4 shift and this year has moved across the square to full back. Irrespective of what position he is given Bellew is the rock on which many opponents' attack flounders.

Francie has won practically every honour in the game through all levels. This highly dedicated individual is an outstanding role model for young aspiring sportsmen who could do no better than mirror his consummate application and commitment to the game he loves.

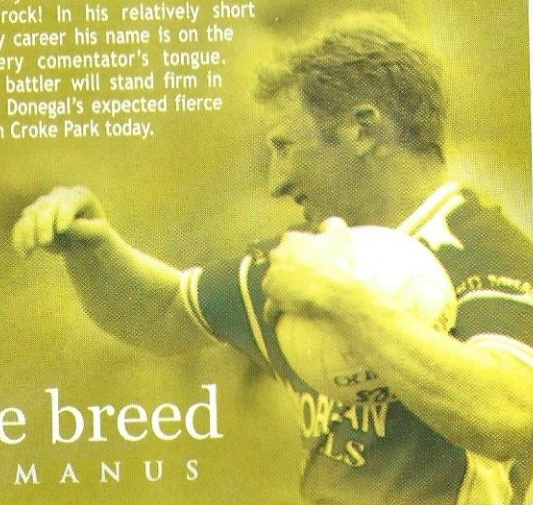
When Joe Kernan took over the managerial reins in the Orchard County he knew exactly what was needed in order to change the face of Armagh football for ever. The big man built his success on character which Francie Bellew epitomises. It was a well known fact in Armagh that Bellew would go through a stone wall for Kernan such is the mutual respect both men have for each other. Many held the opinion that Francie despite all his remarkable achievements and high standard of performance at club level was that little bit short of county class. Joe Kernan, for one, certainly didn't go along with this and had absolutely no hesitation in bringing him into the squad. He put faith in the man who has been putting fear in the heart of every opponent.

Off the field, Francie's quiet, shy and unassuming nature has also won him lots of admiration. Forwards can switch and interchange but here is a man who invariably remains the same - as solid as the proverbial rock! In his relatively short inter-county career his name is on the top of every commentator's tongue. Bellew the battler will stand firm in the face of Donegal's expected fierce challenge in Croke Park today.

francie
bellew

- from a rare breed

BY JOE McMANUS



ST MICHAEL'S, ENNISKILLEN

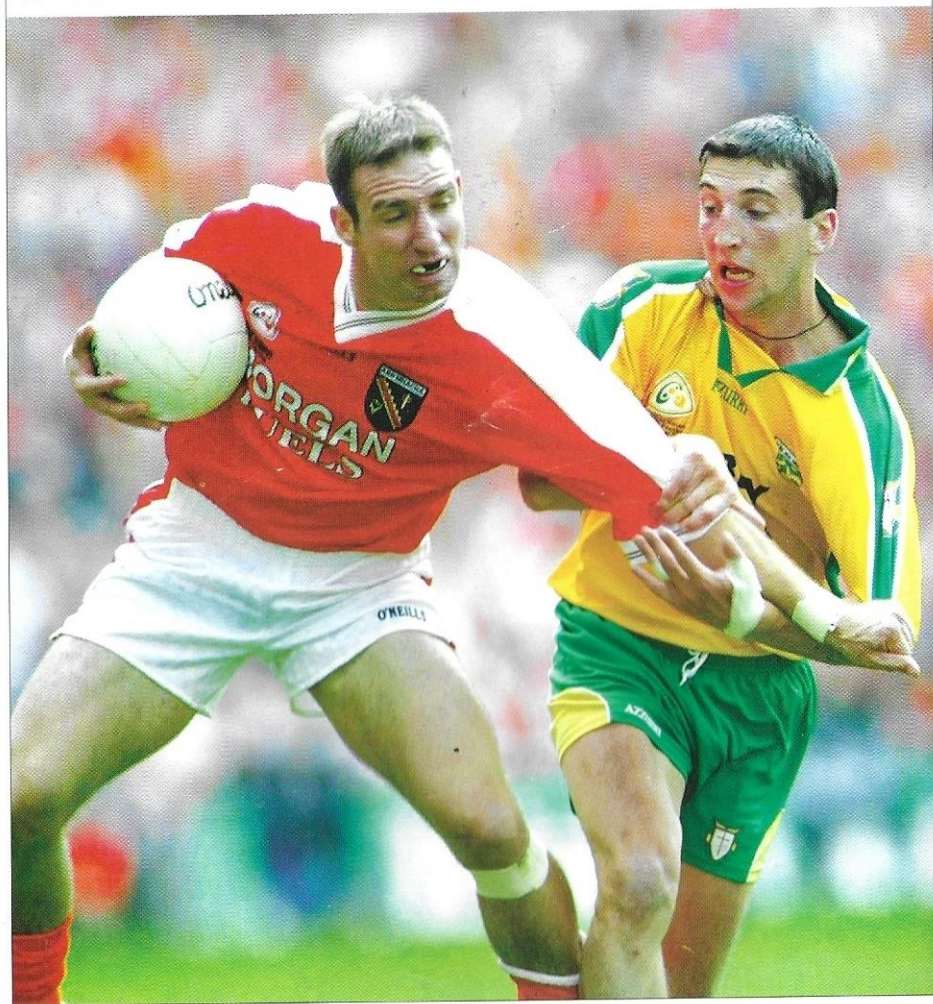
St Michael's Scout Band, Enniskillen, has been synonymous with the Ulster GAA for the past twelve years and has played at all the major football and hurling games throughout Ulster and in recent years also in Connacht. It is a great tribute and honour for the band to be invited by the Ulster Council to play, for the first time, in the headquarters stadium, Croke Park. Over the past thirty years of their existence, the band has performed in Shea Stadium and Gaelic Grounds, New York, Fenway Park and the Gaelic Centre, Boston and in Parkhead, the home of Glasgow Celtic. The Band has always had an outstanding ambition to perform in Croke Park and thanks to the Ulster council, this ambition today has become a reality.

The band has always admired the outstanding performances of the Artane boys Band in Croke Park and it is their wish and hope that they will aspire to the Artane standards on their first visit to Croke Park.

The Band will be led and conducted by their musical director and founder member Bernard O'Connor who wishes to thank the Ulster Council for this opportunity to perform in Croke Park and hopes that this will be the first of many performances at headquarters in the future.

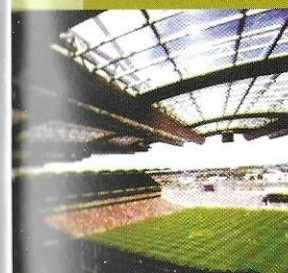
THE LAST MEETING

ARMAGH V DONEGAL



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

regulations páirc an chrócaigh



1. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of Páirc an Chrócaigh. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.
2. Fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground, and any persons in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground.
3. Spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground/arena.
4. The climbing of walls, stands or other buildings in the ground is forbidden.
5. Excessive noise such as that from the use of radio sets or other appliances 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 objects onto the pitch.
7. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play and shall be ejected.
8. Any person who fails to comply with the instructions from a steward may be ejected from the ground.
9. The stadium management reserve the right of admission.
10. The stadium management reserves the right to refuse admission to or to eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of An Garda Síochána.
11. Any person who remains in a gangway or aisle may be ejected from the ground.
12. Páirc an Chrócaigh reserves the right for its servants or agents to remove from the stadium any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence on the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.

SAFETY NOTICE

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 further injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and promptings of the safety authorities, namely the Gardaí, Dublin City Council, Fire Brigade and the ERHA. Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this cooperation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed without recourse to fencing or avoidable obstructions to seeing the action from all vantage points. Together we can ensure that a Croke Park experience is both enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

Public Telephone Locations

CUSACK STAND

- Lower Level (Level 3) Pay Phone at rear of Sections 309/310.

BOX LEVEL

- (Level 6) Call Card at elevator opposite Box 633.

PREMIUM LEVEL

- (Level 5) Card Phone/credit Card Phone at rear of Section 510.

ATM SERVICES

Bank of Ireland ATM facilities are available at the following locations:
CUSACK STAND • at Concourse level • at Premium level
HOGAN STAND • at Premium level

MEDICAL/LOST CHILDREN

Cusack Stand Lower: Medical Centre rear of Section 301
Cusack Stand Upper: Medical Centre rear of Section 701
Hogan Stand Lower: Medical Centre rear of Section 329
 The Site Medical Officer will be situated on the pitch in front of the Cusack Stand.
 All Treatment Centres are staffed by St John's Ambulance Brigade Members.

Lost Children - Lost children can be collected at the above Medical Centres

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Watters Electrical

CULLOVILLE

Champions Every Time

for everything electrical in your home

LEAGUE LEADERS INCLUDE PANASONIC,
BOSCH, MIELE, TOSHIBA, JVC, CREDA

Proud sponsors of Monaghan Ladies All Ireland Champions 1996/97
- first ever Senior Football Championship title to Co Monaghan

Also proud Sponsors of Armagh Minor Camogie Team
- All Ireland Semi Finalists 2003

For Brilliant Deals, Prompt Deliveries
and Superb Service and Back Up

WE DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT

TEL: (IR) 048 30868296 (NI) 028 30868296

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

ARMAGH CBS

- Ulster Primary Schools Champions

The Christian Brothers' Primary School Armagh is celebrating after winning the McGreevy Cup on Thursday 17th June. The school based at Greenpark in Armagh City has a proud history of success in Gaelic sports. Five of the current Armagh panel, Ronan Clarke, Andy Mallon, Kieran Hughes, Ciaran McKinney and Kevin McElvanna were first introduced to Gaelic sports at the school and the Principal is ex-Armagh player Nial Smyth.

The McGreevy Cup is an Allianz sponsored Cumann Na mBunscoil competition that incorporates primary school teams from Counties Armagh, Down, Donegal, Antrim and Tyrone. The CBS pupils initially won a tricky Armagh section of the competition against St. Francis' P.S. and Tannaghmore P.S. of Lurgan and Conalig from South Armagh. In the Ulster semi-final they played excellent football to defeat Omagh CBS 4-4 to 0-2. This set up a final against Downpatrick, the Down Champions, who had defeated the Antrim champions. This game was played on Thursday 17th in Carrickcruppen in front a large crowd. The Greenpark pupils played some superb football and in a tough, tight game ran out winners 1-7 to 1-3.

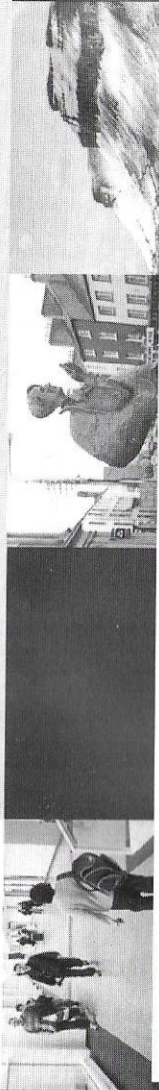
Before the final Armagh players Kieran McGeeney and Qisin McConville visited the school and gave the boys a team talk in preparation for the game. On the eve of the big match Tyrone player Mark Harte and Armagh star Ronan Clarke took a very enjoyable training session in the school, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the team.

It has been a remarkable year for the school who also were successful in retaining the Br. Rice Cup for the 7th successive year, were crowned County Armagh Indoor Hurling Champions and had Declan Toner and Shea O'Neill winning the County Armagh Handball Doubles Championship.



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Home of the Sigerson Trophy



BEST OF LUCK TO

Paul Durcan, Eamonn McGee, Kevin Cassidy,
Brendan Boyle, Christy Toye, Karl Lacey, Barry Dunnion

FROM MANAGEMENT, STAFF AND YOUR FELLOW STUDENTS.

For information on IT Sligo courses, please contact:

The Admissions Office, Institute of Technology, Sligo, Ballinode, Sligo

Tel: 071 9155379 Fax: 071 9160475.

Alternatively, visit our website: www.itsligo.ie

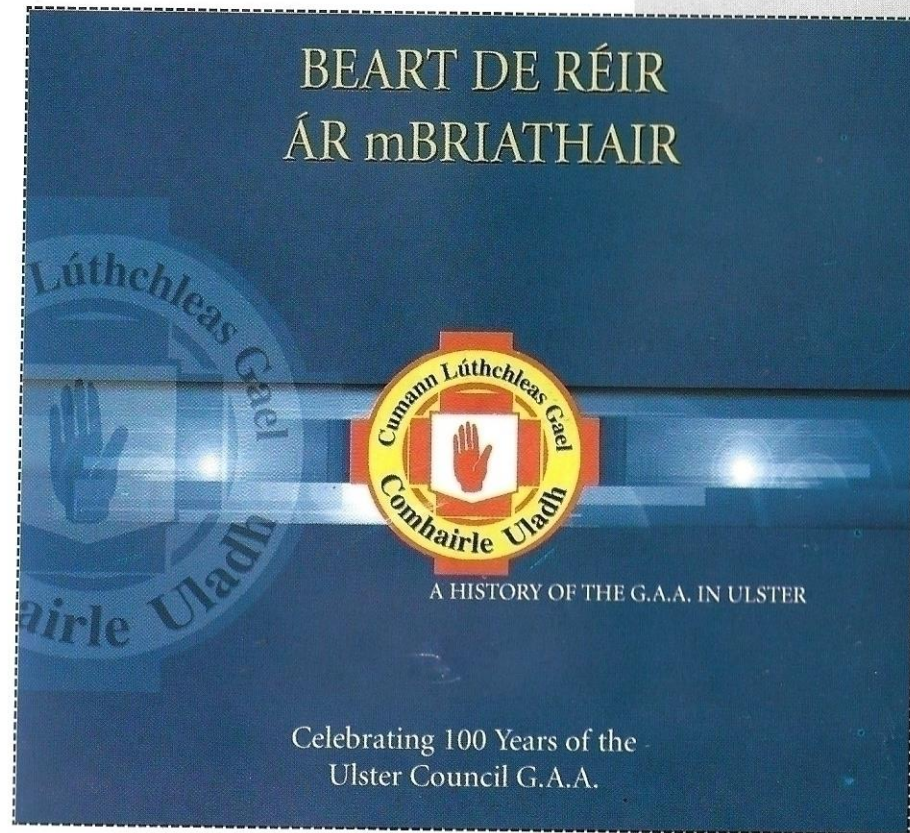
www.itsligo.ie

INSTITIÚID TEICNEOLAÍOCHTA, SLIGEACH
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, SLIGO



COMHAIRLE ULADH

CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL



Location of Sale
will be announced
at each venue

- 400 pages plus records
- Section for each county

Luach €20 £14Stg


(from foundation to date)

On Sale

at all
**Ulster Championship
Games 2004**

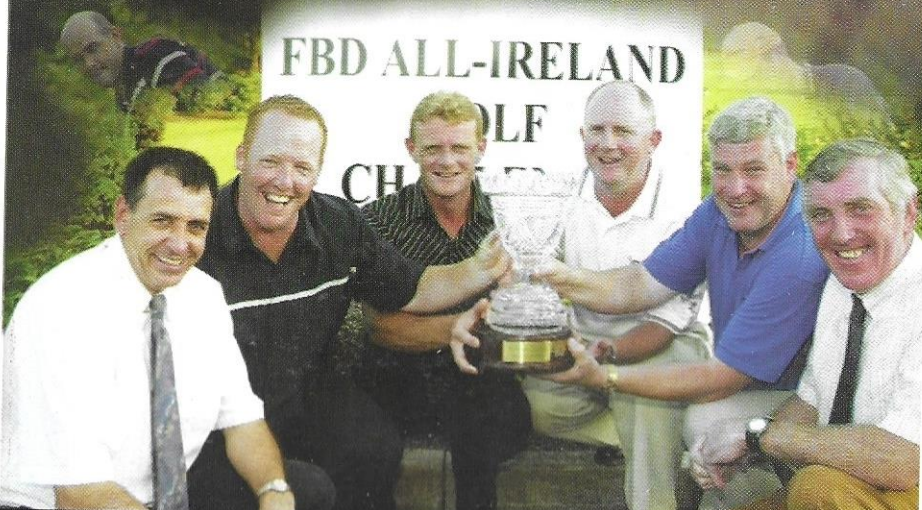
and from Ulster Council Office at St. Tighearnach Park, Clones

CALLING ALL HURLERS AND FOOTBALLERS



ALL IRELAND
GOLF CHALLENGE
2004

WIN AN ALL IRELAND TITLE FOR YOUR GAA CLUB - PLAYING GOLF



FBD ALL-IRELAND
GOLF CHALLENGE

REIGNING ULSTER CHAMPIONS MULLAGHBAN GAA CLUB, CO. ARMAGH

Team Members: Benny Tierney, Colin McParland, Paul Owens and Michael Crawley.
Also pictured: Liam Daniels and Con Murphy, Dunhill GAA Club (Competition Organisers)

ULSTER FINAL
VENUE: SLIEVE RUSSELL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, CO. CAVAN
DATE: FRIDAY AUGUST 6TH 2004

For Further Information: Visit www.gaagolf.com Email: dunhillgaa@eircom.net
Phone: Liam Daniels on (087) 2746271 or Barney Rock on (086) 2343403

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

THE ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP OF 1904

The Ulster Senior Football Championship of a century ago was running far behind schedule as both the 1902 and 1903 Championships had yet to be finalised. The draws for 1904, in fact, were not made until 8th October of that year and were all fixed for January of the following year, as follows:-

Monaghan v Fermanagh at Enniskillen 6th January 1905

Armagh v Down at Newry 15th January 1905

Tyrone v Derry at Dungannon 1st January 1905

Cavan v Antrim at Cavan 22nd January 1905.

Very few of the games received media coverage, but the following 'played' games were reported as follows:-

Monaghan 0-4, Fermanagh 0-1.

Played at Enniskillen on Friday 6th January 1905. Monaghan led at half-time by 0-4 to nil. The Fermanagh team selected to do duty for their county was (17 a side):-

E.McGurran (Shamrocks), P.Sheehan (O'Neills), E.Murphy (McMurrroughs), F.Curry (Shamrocks), J.Reilly (Sons of Erin), F.McManus (Sons of Erin), J.McCarthy (O'Neills), G.Wilson (Sons of Erin), N.Corrigan (McMurrroughs), H.Murphy (McMurrroughs), B.Kelly (Shamrocks), M.Martin (Shamrocks), N.J. Corrigan (McMurrroughs), T.Clarke (Shamrocks), F.Clarke (Shamrocks), T.Martin (Shamrocks) and P.Mullin.

Fermanagh objected and the game was re-fixed for Carrickmacross on Sunday 12th February, but the Fermanagh team failed to turn up. The Monaghan side selected for the re-fixtue was:-

Kirke, Connors, Kelly, Finnegan, Clarke, Kirke, Daly, Martin, E.McGahon, Mooney, McCabe, Markey, Ward, Cunningham, Hughes, P.McCabe and Keelan,

Armagh 2-9, Down 0-1.

Played at Newry Sunday 15th January 1905.

Down:- John Donnelly (Banbridge Clan na Banna), T.Rogan (Newry Faughs), R.Mulhall (Clan na Banna), J.Fanning (Faughs), Hugh Donnelly (Clan na Banna), T.Scott (Clan na Banna), Patrick Lavery (Faughs), F.Downey (Clan na Banna), H.McCreanor (Clan na Banna), T.McCavitt (Clan na Banna), J.Lavery (Faughs), J.Fealey (Faughs), B.O'Callaghan (Faughs), R.Downey (Clan na Banna), C.White (Faughs), B.J. Carragher (Faughs), William Diamond (Clan na Banna).

Cavan 0-5, Antrim 0-4.

Played at Cavan on Sunday 22nd January 1905. Teams (17 a side) lined out as follows:-
Cavan:- Terry Maguire (capt), Hugh Maguire, Owen Maguire, John Maguire, Hugh Maguire, John McCabe, John Brady and Hugh Fitzpatrick (all Dumlane O'Connell), TP Mulligan, M.Smith, J.McFadden, B.Lynch, WJ Carolan and Patk. McGovern (all Virginia Gaels), Reilly (gls) and Gilronan (Killeshandra Leaguers) and PJ O'Keefe (Cavan Slashers).

Antrim:- Gallagher (gls), J.Fegan (capt), H.Sheehan, M.Hughes, J.Davy, McIlvenny, R.Reid, W.Carty, J.McGinley, J.Manning, WJ Donnelly, W.Donlon, H.Kane, J.Leith, C.Reid, J.Sweeney and J.Rea.

At half-time Cavan led 0-2 to nil. Antrim played in blue jerseys while Cavan played in the Red and Black of O'Connells.

Antrim objected and Cavan counter-objected and both were upheld. Re-fixed for 26th February and again Cavan won:- Cavan 0-5, Antrim 0-3. Teams:-

Cavan:- Terry, Owen, Hugh, John and Hugh Maguire, J.Brady, J.McCabe, P.Reilly (Dumlane O'Connells), TP Mulligan, P.McGovern, P.Cahill, J.McFadden, J.Drury, W.Carolan (Virginia), J.Reilly (gls), P.Gilronan (Killeshandra) and PJ O'Keefe (Slashers).

Antrim:- Gallagher, Sheehan, Fegan, L.Reid, Kane, Hughes, McGeown, Davy, McIlvenny, WM Clarke, Manning, Hamill, McGinley, Walsh (Ollamh Fodhla), Rea (Ollamh Fodhla) C.Reid (Crowleys) and Sweeney (Ollamh Fodhla).
Reserve:- McCann (Ollamh Fodhla). Half-time:- Cavan 0-4, Antrim 0-1.

Semi-Final:- Monaghan 1-13, Armagh 1-2.

Played at Tullyherrin, near Monaghan in Nov. 1905. Half-time:- Monaghan 0-9, Armagh nil. Teams:-
Monaghan:- Cosgrove, Keelan, Daly, Connor, Kirke, Ward, Clarke, Murphy, Cunningham, Finnegan, Callan, Markey, Kennedy, McGahon, Martin, Rafferty, McCaffrey, Brady.

Armagh:- Dalton, McGuinness, Rafferty, McAleavey, Duffy, Browley, Donnelly, Slavin, McKenna, Cooney, Gorman, McVeigh, P.Kearney, Kearns, Malone, Eccles, N.Kearney.

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

ARD MHACHA

ARD MHACHA

PAIRIC AN CHRIOCAIGH



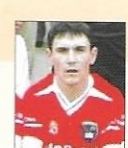
Paul Hearty
Age: 25; Height: 6'4",
Weight: 15st, Occupation:
Electrician



Enda McNulty
Age: 26; Height: 5'10",
Weight: 10.5st,
Occupation: Student



Francie Bellew
Age: 28, Height: 5'11",
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Fitter



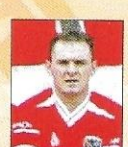
Andy Mallon
Age: 20, Height: 5'9",
Weight: 12.5st,
Occupation:
Electrician



Kieran Hughes
Age: 26; Height: 6'1",
Weight: 13.5st;
Occupation: Welding
Engineer



Kieran McGeeney
Age: 31; Height: 6'0",
Weight: 14st;
Occupation: Sports
Officer



Aidan O'Rourke
Age: 26, Height: 5'11",
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Engineer



Philip Loughran
Age: 22; Height: 6'4",
Weight: 13st;
Occupation: Student



Paul McGrane
Age: 28; Height: 6'2",
Weight: 14st, Occupation:
Accountant



Paddy McKeever
Age: 23; Height: 5'11",
Weight: 12.5st,
Occupation: Student



Tony McEntee
Age: 25; Height: 6'0",
Weight: 14st,
Occupation: Cardiac
Officer



Oisín McConville
Age: 27; Height: 6'0",
Weight: 12.5st;
Occupation: Sales Rep



Steven McDonnell
Age: 23; Height:
6'0", Weight: 12st,
Occupation: Joiner



Ronan Clarke
Age: 21, Height: 6'3",
Weight: 12st,
Occupation: Student



Diarmuid Marsden
Age: 27, Height:
5'10", Weight: 13.5st,
Occupation:
Civil Servant

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na NGALL

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na NGALL

PAIRIC AN CHRIOCAIGH





ARD MHACHA

substitutes substitutes

JP DONNELLY

Age: 25; Height: 5'11", Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Machine Operator

STEPHEN KERNAN

Age: 21; Height: 5'11", Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Student

AARON KERNAN

Age: 20; Height: 6'0"; Weight: 12.5st; Occupation: Sales Rep

ANDREW McCANN

Age: 29; Height: 6'1", Weight: 13st; Occupation: Engineer

PAUL McCORMACK

Age: 23; Height: 5'11", Weight: 13st; Occupation: Teacher

KEVIN McELVANNA

Age: 23; Height: 6'0", Weight: 12st, Occupation: Doctor

JOHN McENTEE

Age: 25; Height: 6'0", Weight: 14st, Occupation: Occupational Therapist

CIARAN McKEEVER

Age: 20; Height: 5'11", Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Bricklayer

CIARAN McKINNEY

Age: 22; Height: 5'11", Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Teacher

JUSTIN McNULTY

Age: 28, Height: 6'1", Weight: 14.5st, Occupation: Civil Engineer

MALACHY MACKIN

Age: 19, Height: 6'2", Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Student

BRIAN MALLON

Age: 20, Height: 5'9", Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Student

MARTIN O'ROURKE

Age: 23, Height: 5'10", Weight: 14st, Occupation: Student

JOHN TOAL

Age: 24, Height: 6'2", Weight: 13st, Occupation: Student

PAUL WATTERS

Age: 25, height: 6'0", Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Electrician

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

McKENNA CUP

20 December 2003	DONEGAL 1-11	QUEENS 1-09	Ballybofey
4 January 2004	DERRY 1-11	ANTRIM 0-05	Maghera
4 January 2004	CAVAN 3-14	QUEENS 0-12	Kingscourt
4 January 2004	FERMANAGH 0-10	DONEGAL 1-18	Enniskillen
4 January 2004	ARMAGH 1-15	ST MARY'S 0-09	Lurgan
4 January 2004	MONAGHAN 1-05	DOWN 0-09	Clones
11 January 2004	TYRONE 1-10	DERRY 2-05	Omagh
11 January 2004	ANTRIM 4-06	UUJ 0-06	Casement Park
11 January 2004	CAVAN 2-12	FERMANAGH 1-11	Kingscourt
11 January 2004	ARMAGH 0-8	MONAGHAN 0-09	Crossmaglen
11 January 2004	DOWN 1-09	ST MARY'S 0-11	Newry
18 January 2004	DERRY 1-18	UUJ 0-08	Ballinascreen
18 January 2004	ANTRIM 1-02	TYRONE 2-11	Casement Park
18 January 2004	FERMANAGH 1-10	QUEENS 1-11	Lisnaskea
18 January 2004	DONEGAL 0-14	CAVAN 1-07	Ballyshannon
18 January 2004	MONAGHAN 0-19	ST MARY'S 1-13	Clones
18 January 2004	DOWN 0-13	ARMAGH 2-05	Newry
21 January 2004	TYRONE 1-12	UUJ 0-07	Carrickmore
SEMI FINAL			
25 January 2004	DONEGAL 3-08	DOWN 1-11	Clones
FINAL			
22 February 2004	DONEGAL 0-07	TYRONE 1-22	Ballybofey

U-21 FOOTBALL

13 March 2004	DOWN 2-7	MONAGHAN 0-11	Ballybay
27 March 2004	DONEGAL 0-10	DERRY 1-08	Celtic Park
27 March 2004	ANTRIM 0-08	ARMAGH 0-12	Crossmaglen
27 March 2004	CAVAN 0-12	TYRONE 1-10	Cavan
27 March 2004	DOWN 0-08	FERMANAGH 0-12	Newry
SEMI FINAL			
10 April 2004	TYRONE	ARMAGH	Dungannon
FINAL	FERMANAGH 0-08	DERRY 3-14	Enniskillen
24 April 2004	ARMAGH 2-13	DERRY 0-04	Casement Park

MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

9 May 2004	TYRONE 2-15	DERRY 1-10	Clones
15 May 2004	DOWN 1-12	CAVAN 0-11	Casement Park
23 May 2004	ARMAGH 0-11	MONAGHAN 1-8	Clones
30 May 2004	DONEGAL 2-10	ANTRIM 1-05	Ballybofey
30 May 2004	ARMAGH 0-19	MONAGHAN 0-11	Breifne Park
6 June 2004	TYRONE 1-13	FERMANAGH 0-08	Clones
SEMI FINAL			
13 June 2004	ARMAGH 1-07	DOWN 0-14	Clones
27 June 2004	DONEGAL 1-03	TYRONE 3-13	Enniskillen
FINAL			
11 July 2004	DOWN	TYRONE	Croke Park

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2004

9 May 2004	TYRONE 1-17	DERRY 1-06	Clones
15 May 2004	CAVAN 1-12	CAVAN 1-12	Casement Park
23 May 2004	ARMAGH 2-19	MONAGHAN 0-10	Clones
REPLAY			
30 May 2004	CAVAN 1-??	DOWN 2-12	Breffni Park
30 May 2004	DONEGAL 1-16	ANTRIM 1-08	Ballybofey
8 June 2004	FERMANAGH 0-12	TYRONE 1-13	Clones
SEMI FINAL			
13 June 2004	CAVAN 0-11	ARMAGH 0-13	Clones
20 June 2004	DONEGAL 1-11	TYRONE 0-08	CLONES
FINAL			
11 July 2004	ARMAGH	DONEGAL	Croke Park

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

SCOREBOARD 2004



254 Dublin Road,
Newry, Co. Down
BT35 8RL .

Freephone: 0800 328 7899 / 1800 444 447

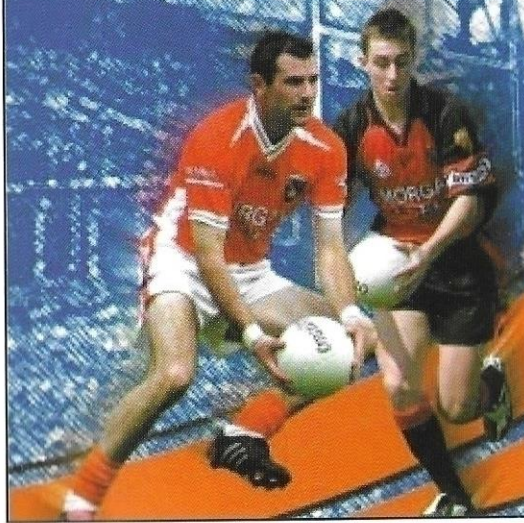
Web: www.morganfuels.com

ARMAGH
DOWN



Morgan Fuels would like to wish both Armagh &
Down every success in today's Ulster Final

2 Teams 1 Result...
Morgan Fuels



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



ARMAGH SENIOR TEAM
ARD MHACHA



Back Row L-R: Kieran McGeeney, Aaron Kernan, John Toal, Francie Bellew, Tony McEntee, Paul McGrane, Paul Hearty, Kieran Hughes,
Justin McNulty, Stephen Kernan, Ronan Clarke, Brian Mallon, Phillip Loughran.
Front Row L-R: Oisín McConville, Kevin McElvanna, Paul McCormack, Enda McNulty, J.P. Donnelly, Diarmuid Marsden, Steven McDonnell,
Andy Mallon, Paddy McKeever, John McEntee, Malachy Mackin, Aidan O'Rourke, Martin O'Rourke, Kieran McKinney, Andrew McCann

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



ARD MHACHA

DÚN NA nGALL



Fir Ionaid

senior lineout

- 16. Ciaran McKinney
Pearse Og
- 17. John Paul Donnelly
Harps
- 18. Aaron Kernan
Crossmaglen
- 19. Stephen Kernan
Crossmaglen
- 20. Andrew McCann
Leixlip
- 21. Paul McCormack
Keady
- 22. Kevin McElvanna
Madden
- 23. John McEntee
Crossmaglen
- 24. Ciaran McKeever
St Patrick's
- 25. Justin McNulty
Mullaghbawn
- 26. Malachy Mackin
St Patrick's
- 27. Brian Mallon
Tir na nÓg
- 28. Martin O'Rourke
Dromintee
- 29. John Toal
Keady
- 30. Paul Watters
Killeavy

1
P Ó hAghartaigh
Paul Hearty
Crossmaglen

2
E Mac an Ultaigh
Enda McNulty
Ballyboden

3
P Ó Beilliú
Francie Bellew
Crossmaglen

4
A Ó Mealláin
Andy Mallon
Pearse Og

5
C Ó hAodha
Kieran Hughes
Pearse Og

6
C Mag Geibheannaigh
Kieran McGeeney
Na Fianna

7
A Ó Ruairc
Aidan O'Rourke
Dromintee

8
P Ó Luachráin
Philip Loughran
Clady

9
P Mag Ráine
Paul McGrane
Ballyhegan

10
P Mac Iomhair
Paddy McKeever
Ballyhegan

11
A Mac an tSaoi
Tony McEntee
Crossmaglen

12
O Mac Conmhaoil
Oisín McConville
Crossmaglen

13
S Mac Donáill
Steven McDonnell
Killeavy

14
R Ó Cléirigh
Ronan Clarke
Pearse Og

15
D Mac Mhaistair
Diarmuid Marsden
Clan na Gael

DARD MHACHA	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45	Saor Ciceanna
IADH LEATH					
2ADH LEATH					
IOMLÁN					

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Fir Ionaid

senior lineout

- 16. Sean Sweeney
Gaoth Dobhair
- 17. Noel McGinley
Naomh Columba
- 18. Karl Lacy
Na Ceithre Maistri
- 19. Barry Dunning
Na Ceithre Maistri
- 20. Dessie McNamara
Bundorain
- 21. Brian McLaughlin
Naomh Michael
- 22. John Gildea
Naomh Conail
- 23. Paul McGonigle
Buncranaigh
- 24. Rory Kavanagh
Naomh Adhamhain
- 25. John Haran
Naomh Adhamhain
- 26. Stephen Cassidy
Gaoth Dobhair
- 27. Neil Gallagher
Gleann Sulai

1
P Ó Durcain
Paul Durcan
Na Ceithre Maistri

2
N Mac Riada
Nial McCready
Aodh Ruadh

3
R Mac Suibhne
Raymond Sweeney
An Clochan Liath

4
D Ó Duibhir
Damien Diver
Ard an Ratha

5
E Mac Aidh
Eamon McGee
Gaoth Dobhair

6
B Ó Muineachain
Barry Monaghan
Na Ceithre Maistri

7
S MacGilla Chearra
Shane Carr
Na Ceithre Maistri

8
B Ó Baoill
Brendan Boyle
Ard an Ratha

9
S Mac Diarmada
Stephen McDermott
Gleann Fhinne

10
C Ó Tuaith
Christy Toye
Naomh Michael

11
M Ó hEigheartaigh
Michael Hegarty
Cill Chartha

12
B Ó Ropier
Brian Roper
Aodh Ruadh

13
C Mac Phaidín
Colm McFadden
Naomh Michael

14
A Mac Suibhne
Adrian Sweeney
An Clochan Liath

15
B Ó Dubhnaigh
Brendan Devenney
Naomh Adhamhain

DÚN NA nGALL	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachái	45	Saor Ciceanna
IADH LEATH					
2ADH LEATH					
IOMLÁN					

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



DONEGAL SENIOR TEAM DÚN NA nGALL



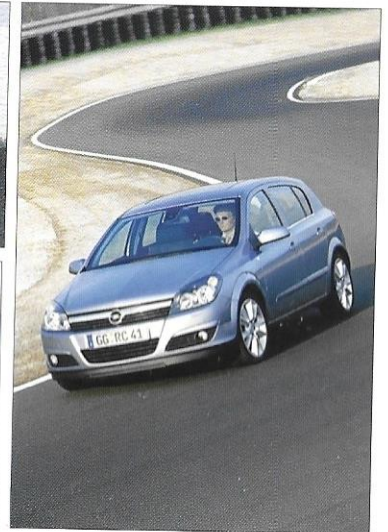
Back Row L-R: Brian McLaughlin, Brendan Boyle, Brendan Devenney, Paul Durcan, Christy Toye, Shane Carr, Michael Hegarty
Front Row L-R: Brian Roper, Niall McCready, Damien Diver, Barry Monaghan, Adrian Sweeney, Colm McFadden, Raymond Sweeney, Eamon McGee

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

O&I MOTORS LTD

MAIN OPEL DEALERS
Killybegs Road, Donegal Town

NEW ASTRA



Life, Club, Sxi & Sri models in stock

Sales, Service & Parts Dept open Mon - Sat
Open 9am to 1pm Saturday

Call us on 074 9722555 for more information

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED

BY TOM O'RIORDAN (FREELANCE GAA WRITER)

How times have changed for the fortunes of Ulster football with today's final at Croke Park being in a tribute to the massive strides the game has made in the province over the last 14 years.

It is not very long ago when Ulster football was being ridiculed by public and media alike, especially during the 70s and 80's when they could not come up with a team that could realistically challenge for all-Ireland honours. It was being lambasted at every turn, some of it justified because of the poor standard of play, the foul ridden championship matches with the physical elements of the exchanges regularly taking precedence over skill and open and attacking play.

Down won the all-Ireland in '68 with several members of the side that first brought the Sam Maguire Cup over the border in 1960 but in the next 22 years only two teams from Ulster managed to qualify for the all-Ireland final, Armagh in '77 and Tyrone in '86. Both however lost. But since Down came back to win their fourth all-Ireland title in '91 teams from Ulster have been in numerous finals, seven in all in just 13 years and creating a unique record in '03 when they had both finalists with Tyrone defeating Armagh. Furthermore they had five of the last eight quarter-finalists with one from each of the other three provinces. But coming into the 90s no one could have predicted that Ulster teams would win three successive All-Ireland titles in '91, '92 and '93 as Donegal and Derry made history with their first ever victories.

I believe the trend began to change in the late 80s when emphasis was put on coaching, skill and fitness among Ulster teams. They became much more sophisticated in their approach, became much more tactically aware and both coaches and managers saw for themselves that the only way to make the breakthrough and match the big sides of that era was through superior fitness, skill on the ball and accuracy from play.

In the last couple of years teams like Armagh and Tyrone have applied very specialist training in the gym, the weights room and on the field together with advanced coaching, drill work and tactical application which has made them so successful.

For years teams found it extremely difficult to retain their title in Ulster but in the last five years Armagh have lifted the crown three years and today they are bidding for their fourth since '99, a great tribute to their consistency.

Today's finalists last met in the provincial final only two years ago with Armagh defeating Donegal by 1-14 to 1-10 at Clones, the home of so many finals down the years.

Donegal have lost in three finals since their last success in '92 and will be highly motivated to put an end to that less than impressive record.

What is patently clear is that if Donegal play like they did in the second half in knocking Tyrone off their pedestal in the semi-final then they will take all the beating. That was a magnificent 35 minutes of football, as good as Donegal have played in a decade with young Colm McFadden showing his accuracy from play and frees in knocking up a most impressive 1-7 total. Further out they had great performances too from Brian Roper, Barry Monaghan, Brendan Boyle and Damien Diver to name but a few. Now Brian McEniff can only hope they will reproduce that scintillating form this afternoon.

Armagh were put to the sword by Cavan in their semi-final but came good in typical fashion as they ground out a victory that gave Joe Kernan massive satisfaction with his many substitutions working like a dream. They have a great team of warriors who have played some of their best football in Croke Park over the last two years and if Oisín McConville, Steven McDonnell, Ronan Clarke and Paddy McKeever click up front they have every chance of lifting their fourth crown in six years. And just for good measure they have Kieran McGeeney to bolster their defence.

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

CROKER CRUNCH FOR ULSTER'S FINEST

Ulster final day, and the famous hill at Clones lies silent and deserted.

On Jones' Road, amid the banter and the buzz, there's a sense of history.

Today, the Anglo-Celt Cup waits expectantly in Croke Park's Hogan Stand, its imminent presentation to the captain of the Armagh or Donegal team the most striking symbol of a ground-breaking occasion.

Whatever the level of approval, misgiving or outright opposition, the decision to stage the Ulster football final in this wonderful stadium is a reflection of the current state of the game in the northern province.

Unprecedented popularity, pulling power and mass appeal have propelled this provincial decider to a sporting citadel designed to enable such a sporting show-piece to achieve full potential.

Brian McEniff and Joe Kernan are men on a mission, sharing a common goal, but both are acutely aware of the need to accommodate the many thousands of supporters who will, by virtue of Croke Park's generous capacity, watch today's games.

"This will be a great family occasion, a day when families will be able to come and enjoy the day," says Kernan

"From that point of view it's important that this decision was made, and it will be great to see all the families turn out."

Today's senior final is a repeat of last year's All-Ireland semi-final, when a huge crowd packed into this very same stadium to watch a thrilling encounter.

"We were in Croke Park last year and it was a fantastic occasion, with more than 70,000 people at it.

"It was a great game and there was a great buzz, and all the supporters, from both counties, had a great day out," adds the Armagh manager.

"Any day you go to Croke Park it's very special, but to go to an Ulster final there is really special."

Donegal boss McEniff makes no secret of his desire to keep the Ulster final in Ulster, but agrees that there will be something very special about today's proceedings.

"It will make for a great a great occasion, and while, as an Ulster man, I have strong

feelings in favour of Clones, there will be a great atmosphere."

Having led a Donegal team to Sam Maguire glory in 1992, the Bundoran man treasures his memories of big days at Croke.

"I have a lot of great memories of Croke Park, but I also have some sad memories as well.

"But it's always great to go down to Croke Park, and great for the clubs, the county, the players themselves and the families.

"Over the past 12 or so years I have enjoyed the trips to Croke Park. Before that it was always a difficulty for us, for we had difficulty winning in Croke Park."

There's a renewed optimism within the Donegal squad, however. Fresh from a sensational win over All-Ireland champions Tyrone, and with a score to settle from last year's defeat by the Orchard county, they are ready to deliver.

But McEniff is, by nature, a cautious man, not given to hasty pronouncements.



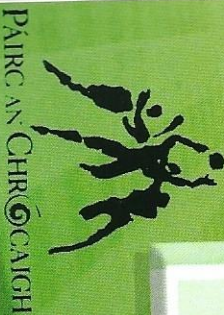
BY FRANCIS MOONEY

"It was nice to win, but I think Tyrone were a tired team, and I wouldn't read too much into it.

"And Armagh were awesome against Monaghan, and it's going to be a battle royal."

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

DÚN NA NGALL



PÁIRC AN CHRÍOCHAIGH

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na NGALL



Paul Durcan
Age: 20, Height: 6'3",
Weight: 12.5 st,
Occupation: Student



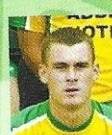
Niall McCready
Age: 28, Height: 5'10",
Weight: 12st,
Occupation: Electrician



Raymond Sweeney
Age: 27, Height: 6',
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Engineer



Damien Diver
Age: 29, Height:
5'10", Weight: 13st,
Occupation:
Shop Manager



Eamon McGee
Age: 19, Height: 6'3",
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Student



Barry Monaghan
Age: 25, Height: 6',
Weight: 13.5st,
Occupation:
Tyre Salesman



Shane Carr
Age: 28, Height: 6',
Weight: 14st,
Occupation:
Machine Driver



Brendan Boyle
Age: 22, Height: 6'1",
Weight: 13.5st,
Occupation: Student



Stephen McDermott
Age: 22, Height: 6'1",
Weight: 13st, Occupation:
Construction Manager



Christy Toye
Age: 21, Height: 6'2",
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Student



Michael Hegarty
Age: 25, Height: 5'11",
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Student



Brian Roper
Age: 29, Height: 5'6",
Weight: 10.5st.,
Occupation:
Monumental Sculptor



Colm McFadden
Age: 20, Height: 6'2",
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Student



Adrian Sweeney
Age: 27, Height: 5'10",
Weight: 13st,
Occupation: Plumber



Brendan Devenney
Age: 28, Height: 5'11",
Weight: 13 st,
Occupation: Sales Rep.

DÚN NA NGALL



PÁIRC AN CHRÍOCHAIGH

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na NGALL



DÚN NA NGALL

substitutes substitutes

SEAN SWEENEY

Club: Gaioth Dobhair, Age: 23, Height: 6'2", Weight: 14 st, Occupation: Student

RORY KAVANAGH

Club: St Eunan's, Age: 21, Height: 6' 1", Weight: 11st, Occupation: Student

JOHN GILDEA

Club: Naomh Conaill, Age: 32, Height: 6', Weight: 14st, Occupation: Bank Official

BARRY DUNNION

Club: Four Masters, Age: 20, Height: 5'7", Weight: 11 st, Occupation: Student

KARL LACEY

Club: Four Masters, Age: 20, Height: 5' 9", Weight: 11st, Occupation: Student

NEIL GALLAGHER

Club: Glenswilly, Age: 20, Height: 6'3", Weight: 14 st, Occupation: Student

BRIAN McLAUGHLIN

Club: Naomh Michael, Age: 27, Height: 6'2", Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Costing Analyst

JOHN HARAN

Club: St. Eunan's, Age: 26, Height: 6'4", Weight: 14.5st, Occupation: PE Teacher

EAMON REDDIN

Club: Burt, Age: 26, Height: 5'11", Weight: 12st, Occupation: Student

NOEL MCGINLEY

Club Naomh Columba, Age: 27, Height: 5'10", Weight: 12st, Occupation: Factory Worker

DESSIE McNAMARA

Club: Bundoran, Age: 28, Height: 6', Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Quantity Surveyer

PAUL McGONIGLE

Club: Buncrana, Age: 30, Height: 6'3", Weight 13 st, Occupation: Accountant

KEVIN CASSIDY

Club: Gweedore, Age: 22, Height: 6', Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Student

STEPHEN CASSIDY

Club: Gaioth Dobhair, Age: 29, Height: 6', Weight: 14st, Occupation: Salesman

JOHNNY McCAFFERTY

Club: Termon, Age: 23, Height: 5'11", Weight: 12st, Occupation: Publican

TODAY'S provincial final is the 18th championship clash between Donegal and Armagh in a series that dates back over three quarters of a century.

However, such history weighs lightly on the shoulders of a young gun like Donegal's star wing forward, Christy Toye.

Toye was catapulted into the public domain with a stunning second half strike against Armagh in last year's All-Ireland semi-final. It was subsequently voted as the second best goal of the championship.

For the 21 year-old Business Degree student at Sligo Institute of Technology it was a memorable moment to net such a superbly executed goal before 80,000 people at Croke Park.

Typically, though, Toye stresses he'd rather have been on a winning team and not scored at all. It's a statement typical of a maturing footballer who has earned respect across the country in the past year with some super performances in the green and gold.

His high fielding, darting runs from the half forward line and a canny understanding with his club colleague and close friend, Colm Anthony McFadden, were key elements of Donegal's quarter final victory over All-Ireland champions, Tyrone.

Today, Toye's 'goal' is revenge.



"We owe Armagh after losing out so agonisingly last year in the All-Ireland semi-final. They also beat us in the Ulster final in 2002. It was great to score what proved to be the second best goal of the championship last year but I'd much preferred to have won the game and not scored. However, that's history now and our focus is the final," he said.

Toye feels Donegal are better equipped than last year. "I feel we're a fitter and stronger team than we were last year. We respect Armagh but don't fear them. I feel we have the players to beat Armagh. It is all down to the focus on the day. However, this bunch of Donegal players have been around for a while and we don't have a lot of silverware at this level. It is time to change that in this final," he added.

It has been a memorable year so far for Toye. In February he won his second Sigerson Cup medal as Sligo I.T defeated Queens. Along the way they also knocked out Jordanstown who had Armagh's Philip Loughran among their ranks. He also helped St Michael's to an historic first ever All-Ireland Intermediate club final in April. "It has been a memorable year so

By C.J MCGINLEY, DEPUTY EDITOR, DERRY PEOPLE-DONEGAL NEWS, LETTERKENNY

far. Hopefully that will continue against Armagh," he said.

Looking forward to the big game Toye felt Armagh are still one of the top teams in the country.

"I normally come up against Armagh's Cathal O'Rourke. It is always a good battle. For Armagh it could be the last hurrah for a lot of this panel but they're still a formidable force. Their midfield against Monaghan was awesome. They blew Monaghan away and dispelled any notion of another shock defeat such as the previous year when Armagh were All-Ireland champions," Toye said. This week Toye was one of the coaches at a local summer camp. He took time off to have a few words about the big game. So what was the crack about the initials printed on their arms.

"Patsy McGonagle, our trainer came up with the idea. Each player had a specific letter or two. In my case it was the letters 'D' and 'F' for Defend and Focus. I think it was a great idea and has bonded the team and brings a focus to our game as a collective unit," he said.

Toye has formed a great understanding down the right hand wing of the Donegal forward line with his club colleague and close friend Colm Anthony McFadden.

"Colm had a super game against Tyrone and scored 1-7. It was a great day for him. Myself and Colm are good friends and we've been playing together since we were six or seven. It is great now to bring that onto the county scene," he said.

"Hopefully, we can hit form again against Armagh. When you're younger in the squad there isn't as much pressure on. However, when you're about for a few years you have to take on responsibility. As a unit we need to do that in the final. If we do I think we'll be alright. We've been beaten by them twice. You don't need much more motivation than that," Toye concluded.

WHEN THE ULSTER FINAL WAS LAST PLAYED IN CROKE PARK

As Armagh and Donegal prepare to meet in the Ulster Senior Football Championship Final at Croke Park next Sunday, it is worth recalling that the only other time this situation occurred was 65 years ago in 1939, when Cavan met Armagh on Sunday 13th August.

The facts behind this unusual situation makes interesting reading.

Cavan who had relinquished their provincial crown in 1938 when Monaghan became the newly-crowned provincial champions, began the long haul towards the elusive Sam Maguire Cup in 1939, the year which also marked the outbreak of World War II. The Breffni men opened their campaign against Tyrone in Omagh on June 25, and even before the game was played there was controversy - not on the field - but in the meeting rooms of the Ulster Council.

NO OFFICIAL WELCOME

At a meeting of Omagh District Council in June of that year there had been a lively discussion, arising out of a proposal, which was defeated following a party vote by C Hunter (Nationalist) that the council welcome the Cavan GAA team on their visit to Omagh to play Tyrone in the Ulster Championship.

Mr Hunter said the chairman had suggested that they welcome the Royal Enniskillen Fusiliers. It was far more important that the Cavan team should be welcomed as that team had brought honours to Ulster and Ireland. In welcoming the team they would be expressing the wishes of two thirds of the people of the town. Mr P.P. Cassidy (Nationalist) seconded.

Mr McClay (Unionist) - We will not welcome any sporting body on a Sunday.

Mr W J Watson (Unionist) - If they could play good football we would be glad to see them but the GAA game is only handball.

Mr Hunter - We know the reason you would not welcome them. They were All Ireland champions and toured the United States. If they were Mohommadans you would welcome them.

Mr Watson - But you can't say that they play football

Mr W.J. Hamilton (Unionist) said no welcome should be given. It would create a precedent. They should remember that tennis, badminton and association football (soccer) teams came to the town, and never did the council extend a welcome to any team.

Mr T McClay seconded Mr Hamilton's amendment.

Mr Blair asked if the resolution arose as a result of the council's decision to welcome the Royal Enniskillen Fusiliers, men who had fought for their King and country, and not ball players. Were they to put a Gaelic Football

team on the same level as the gallant Fusiliers?

Mr Hunter - Who did you fight for? I know where you fought. I know your pedigree.

Chairman - I must ask you, Mr Hunter, not to use these personalities.

Mr Hunter - I will tell Mr Blair straight, that he does not represent even his own party. They don't want him.

Chairman - You must behave yourself.

Mr Hunter - I will behave myself, surely, I don't mind listening to a good Orangeman, but I won't listen to an old fogey like Blair.

Uproar prevailed at this stage and the Chairman endeavoured to quell the disorder. Later there were exchanges between other members and Mr Hamilton called on the chairman to suspend the proceedings.

Mr Hunter went on to say that a few weeks earlier, goalposts in a Gaelic field at Knockmoyle had been uprooted and thrown into the river on two occasions and although the roads were patrolled by 'B' Specials at night in the vicinity of the field, no one was brought to justice. This was part of the Unionist treatment of the majority in Tyrone.

CAVAN VICTORIOUS

When the game was eventually played in Omagh, Cavan won both the senior and minor. The seniors winning by 4-11 to 1-2 and the minors by 3-8 to 0-2. Over 2,000 watched the games and the gate receipts were £110.

Cavan wrapped up the tie with second half goals from T.P. O'Reilly, Paddy Boylan and Joe Mitchell, who scored two

goals.

Cavan and Donegal met in the semi final at Breffni Park on Sunday 23rd July and it proved an altogether one-sided game with Cavan winning by 5-12 to 0-4 before a crowd who paid gate receipts of £147.

ULSTER FINAL

Cavan faced Armagh in the Ulster final in Castleblayney on Sunday 6th August. The Anglo-Celt headline on the following Friday was 'Ulster Football Final Unfinished', 'Crowd stops senior game at Castleblayney'.

The report describes the scene as follows; for the reason that it was next to impossible to see the players, the task of describing the Ulster Football Finals in Castleblayney on Sunday last is not nearly so difficult as dealing with the pandemonium that ruled there, especially in the last period of the senior game, which had to be abandoned when halfway through, because spectators took possession of the pitch.

At the time, Cavan were leading by 2-6 to 2-4 and as the writer says 'to put it in a nutshell, it was a case of trying to force the contents of a half pint into the naggin - the grounds were far too small to cope with the crowd, estimated at from 12,000 to 14,000.

1939

Cavan and Armagh battle for Anglo-Celt Cup outside Ulster

BY EAMONN GAFFNEY (THE ANGLO-CELT, CAVAN)

WHEN THE ULSTER FINAL WAS LAST PLAYED IN CROKE PARK

TROUBLE

The trouble started early. Even before the minor final between Cavan and Monaghan, which incidentally ended in a draw. Spectators were allowed to roam at will over the place, without any attempt at directing them to the sidelines. A few volunteer stewards, including Rev Tom Maguire, C.C. Chairman of Cavan Co Board, endeavoured to deal with the influx on the left-hand side of the pitch, but to no avail.

Still they came, taking possession of the touch-line, some sitting, some standing, thus blocking the view of those already seated. The position became more acute every minute and when the minor match started at 3pm, only occasional glimpses of the play could be seen by those who remained seated, the outcome being that the occupants got on their feet and carried the seats closer to the line as those already there permitted.

It was now a 'black-out' from the press table, situated in this area and the scribes were obliged to vacate it and push their way through the crowds as best they could in order to get even a restricted view of what was taking place on the pitch.

When the game eventually got under way, Cavan had the better of the exchanges and at half time led by 2-3 to 1-3.

LENGTHY INTERVAL

There was a lengthy interval in order to clear the pitch and after the restart it was Cavan again on the

attack. The crowd continued to narrow the playing area as play carried on, with Cavan leading by 2-5 to 1-3, Harry McCullagh, one of the Armagh forwards was struck by a spectator. The crowd dashed on to the field and there was a lengthy delay.

Play resumed and ended in an Armagh goal from Fred Arthurs, brother of the late Gerry Arthurs, a former secretary of the Ulster Council.

Excitement was intense as Cavan fought back to score a point by T.P. O'Reilly. The ball was kicked over the side line when the invasion occurred and with the score stand-

ing at Cavan 2-6 Armagh 2-4, there was no further play as it was almost 7pm when the game was abandoned by referee Jimmy Murtagh.

MATCH REFIXED

At a meeting of the Ulster Council in Castleblayney the game was re-fixed for Croke Park on Tuesday August 1st (Bank Holiday) and as this date found little favour the game was arranged for the Sunday following the 'Black-out' game.

Cavan regained the Ulster title winning the Croke Park clash by 2-3 to 1-4. It was a disappointing display, but fell well below the standard of football witnessed at Castleblayney.

Credit for Cavan's victory went to the last line of the defence - Eddie Finnegan, Willie Carroll and Mick Dinneny. When all seemed lost, they were the rock on which the Armagh forwards foundered.

The teams were: Cavan: Joe M (Bailieboro), Eugene Fin (Munterconnacht), Bill C (Bailieboro), Mick Dinneny (Cornaferry Smith (Kill), Tom O'Reilly, C (Cornaferry), J White (Gowna O'Reilly) (Cornaferry), John Willie (Templeport), TP O'Reilly (Beitupackie Devlin (Cornaferry), White (Gowna), MJ (Sonny) (Cavan Slashers), Paddy (Drumkilly), Paddy Conaty (Cavan Slashers).

Armagh: Joe Houlihan, Eddie McClay, Eddie McLoughlin, Joe Kelly, Jim


Con Short, Leo Collins, Tommy Clarke, Jim McCullagh, tain, Gerry McAreevey, Alf Murray, Dessie McGeown Devlin, Owen Quinn, John Reid.

BEATEN BY MEATH

Cavan were in action for the third consecutive year when they played Meath in the All Ireland semi final at Croke Park and were beaten by 1-9 to 1-1, Cavan coming from Tom O'Reilly and the point from James Magee.

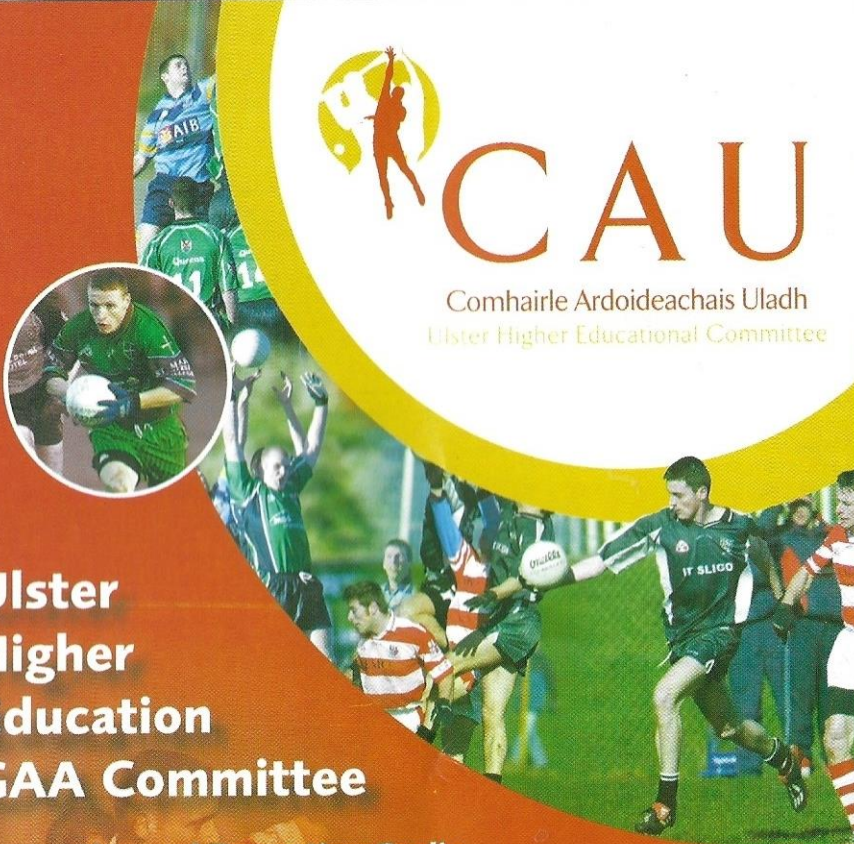
Death of All Ireland and Handball Star Victor Sherlock - BY EAMONN GAFFNEY (THE ANGLO-CELT, CAVAN)

The death after a long illness on Monday 21st June of former Cavan All Ireland football and handball star, Victor Sherlock from Kingscourt was received with regret not only in Cavan and Meath, two counties in which he excelled at Gaelic Football, but especially in the Breffni county where he achieved All-Ireland honours in football and handball.



CAU

Comhairle Ardoideachais Uladh
Ulster Higher Educational Committee



**Ulster
Higher
Education
GAA Committee**

**Supporting and Promoting Gaelic
Games in the Following Institutions:**

BIFHE, Cavan College, Letterkenny IT, Limavady College of FE,
NWIFHE, Queen's University Belfast, St. Mary's University College,
University of Ulster at Coleraine, University of Ulster Jordanstown,
University of Ulster Magee.

**For More Information on Third Level GAA in Ulster Contact:
cau@gaa.ie**

MEN AGAINST CANCER

By Dr Padraig Keane, Belfast City Hospital

Men Against Cancer (MAC) is a charity founded with 3 main aims

1. To provide an open access clinic for men to access information about men's cancers
2. To provide up to date equipment for the department of urology to treat and diagnose these cancers
3. To promote research into men's cancers

PROSTATE CANCER

This is the second commonest cause of cancer deaths in men and will soon overtake lung cancer as the number one cancer killer. The advent of a simple blood test (PSA) has led to many men being diagnosed at a very early stage. Some men do not die of prostate cancer but die with it and therefore it is critical to select those patients at risk for treatment. Because treatment has side effects men should be properly counselled before undergoing screening and should understand the risks and benefits of treatment. The clinic is designed to provide such information and testing as appropriate.

TESTICULAR CANCER

Testicular cancer is an uncommon but extremely important cancer as it can affect men in their late teens through to the age of 40. The results of treatment are excellent provided the disease is caught early. A simple examination by every man once a month should diagnose these tumours provided young men get the message and come forward for examination the cure rate should be close to 100%.

BLADDER AND KIDNEY CANCER

The first sign of these cancers is blood in the urine and therefore there is a very simple screening tool to detect early warning signs.

PENILE CANCER

This is a rare disease and diagnosis is usually delayed due to reluctance to come forward to discuss with medical staff. Early diagnosis offers the chance for reconstruction and avoidance of mutilating surgery.

THE CLINIC

The drop in clinic is the first of its type and is integrated in the NHS in a non-threatening environment for the majority of people. The clinic is primarily designed to provide information education and professional advice on Men's Cancers. If there is a problem the patients can be fast tracked for diagnosis and treatment within the NHS.

EQUIPMENT

Because of cash shortages within the health service equipment levels had fallen behind accepted norms for developed countries. MAC has purchased a holmium laser to allow for outpatient treatment of bladder and some forms of kidney cancer. Ultrasound scanners and flow machines for the diagnosis of prostate disease have also been purchased.

RESEARCH

MAC in conjunction with the Northern Ireland Cancer Registry is supporting research into prostate cancer in Northern Ireland



AZZURRI

- The Official Playing Gear and Leisurewear Suppliers to the Donegal County Board

For all your club requirements contact your Local AZZURRI Agent:

Call Us Ltd

**Roshine Road
Killybegs
Co Donegal**

**Tel 073-32185 Fax 073-32184
email: info@callus.ie**

AZZURRI & Call Us Ltd wish all Donegal teams the best of luck for 2003



The Official
AZZURRI Agents



MICÉAL Ó GRIANAN A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS



Current President of the Ulster Council Micéal Ó Grianan of Cavan has to be one of GAA's most versatile servants. Micéal has filled most roles in the association and today as Ulster president will add another historic notch to his impressive GAA CV.

As a player Micéal played at all levels with his club Drumalee. An impressive campaign at senior level with Drumalee in the early 60s helped Greenan to secure a place on the great Cavan teams of the 1960s. Micéal played for Cavan for 7 years and notched up a considerable three decades in the white strip for Drumalee. With two Ulster Senior Football medals in his collection his skills as a player are well recorded.

When finished playing he moved effortlessly to refereeing and was a renowned knight of the whistle for nigh on 20 years. He refereed at all levels across the country, club and inter-county, county and national finals. When not refereeing he was coaching or managing teams, again club and county, indeed he was in charge when Cavan ladies won All Ireland glory in 1977. A selector with Cavan for many years he also trained his own and other clubs in Cavan. When not refereeing or coaching he was also an efficient hard working administrator. At the tender age of 14 he was appointed assistant secretary in Drumalee and has been an administrator since. He has held various positions at county, provincial and national level and is now Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh.

On Sundays off from the above duties Micéal has served in every role possible as a steward for all Comhairle Uladh games. In fact he has carried out every possible function on Ulster final day, except one. That will change today (or in the replay) when he presents the Anglo-Celt cup to the winning captain. He has sold tickets out of hatches and out of bags, collected tickets at gates, gaps and turnstiles. He has been field steward, and chief steward. He has been an umpire, linesman, referee, player and selector at Ulster finals. The one remaining task will be achieved on Croke Park!

Consider this record. Can anyone match it! (Jimmy Magee, please copy!!). Micéal Greenan has played in three Ulster finals, has been a selector at three Ulster finals, has refereed three Ulster finals and starting today, God willing, will be Ulster President at three Ulster finals. He played for Cavan in the finals of 1967, 1968 and 1969 all against Down. Cavan won in 1967 and 1969. He was a selector with Cavan in the finals of 1976, 1978 and 1983, Cavan losing to Derry, Down and Donegal. Micéal was the referee in charge of the 1985, 1986 and 1989 Ulster finals.

Chomh maith le seo ta suim mhór aige sa Ghaeilge agus I Scór. Bíonn sé ag obair le scór ar fud na cúige agus téann sé ar an chúrsa gaeilge go na Dúnaibh achán bhliain.

Now 75 years on the Ulster Council, Micéal has earned his place in the annals of all round GAA men. Today, an historic and richly deserved milestone, Uachtaran Comhairle ag bronnadh an corn i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Abbey Hotel

DONEGAL TOWN

email: abbeyhoteldonegal@eircom.net

Proud Sponsors of the Donegal Teams

CENTRAL HOTEL

SPECIAL SUPPORTERS MENU IN OUR
MARKET HOUSE RESTAURANT AND ASHDOON BAR

Abbey Hotel
Contact
Patricia Wilson
00353 74 9721014

Getting Married
2005-2006

4 COURSE TURKEY & HAM
WEDDING SPECIALS

ALL FOR £13 Stg or €17.50
Big Discounts for Weekday Weddings

Call and View our Banqueting Suite
Wedding Packages and Free Quotations on Request
Choice of two Superior Hotels

It's Your Ideal Choice for that Perfect Day

THE PLACE TO BE FOR ALL BIG MATCHES
SKY NITE CLUB

8 Plasma Screens - Live Music Every Night
Disco Every Thursday, Friday, Saturday

THE DIAMOND CLUB

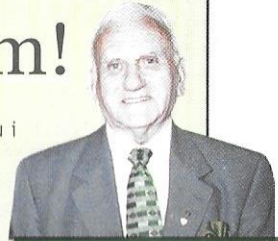
DISCO EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT

Central Hotel
Contact
John Feeley
00353 74 9721027

Good Luck Donegal from Management and Staff

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Bhí Brionglóid Agam!



LE SEAMUS DE FAÓITE
(RÚNAÍ COISTE GAELIGE AGUS OIDHREACH
COMHAIRLE ULADH)

Is ócáid stairiúil gan dabht í cluiche ceannais peile Chúige Uladh an lae inniu i bPáirc an Chróchaigh. Cé a shílfeadh ag tús an tséasúir nach mbeadh curaidh Chúige Uladh agus Chraobh na hÉireann san iomaíocht in imeacht na bliana seo. Bhí a lán daoine ag súil le Ard Mhacha agus Tír Eoghain mar chéilí comhairc sa chluiche ceannais.

Rud amháin atá le tabhairt faoi deara san am I láthair agus is é go bhfuil caighdeán na peile sa chúige ar chomhchéim. Ní féidir a bheith róshuiráilte níos mó. Nil aon chontae ábalta tiarnas a éileamh mar a rinne An Chabhán agus An Dún go pointe áirithe ar feadh mórán blianta. Tá coimhlint ghéar idir gach contae i gCúige Uladh sna cluichí craoibhe. Tá caighdeán na peile ag ardú i rith an ama. Tá seilbh glactha ag dhá-thrian de na contaethe ar Chorn Shomhairle Mhic Uldhir. Thiocfadh leis an chuid eile an buaic phointe seo a bhaint amach laistigh de dheich mbliana agus bíodh muid dóchasach go dtarlóid sé. Tríd is tríd, ní féidir leis ach a bheith maith a bhforbairt ar gcluiche náisiúnta.

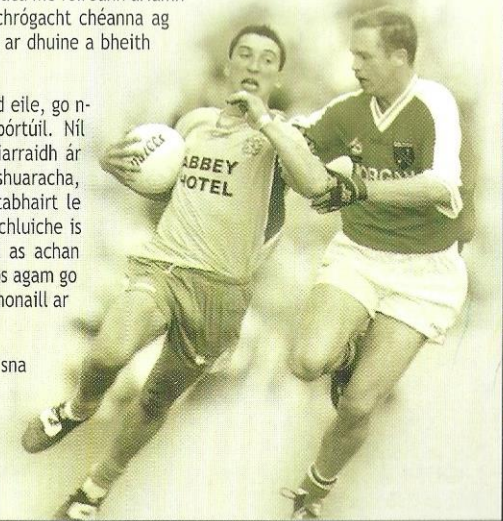
Tá gach duine ag fiafraigh cad a tharla do Thír Eoghain i gCluain Eois ar an domhnach, 20 Meitheamh? Domhsa, ní raibh iontu ach a scáileanna, nuair a smaoinim ar an fhoireann a chuir Thír Chonaill ar neamhni i gcluiche ceannais an Dochtúir Mhic Cionnath. Ar ndóigh caithfear smaoinemh faraoir ar bhás tobann Chromaic Mhic an Allin, a gcaptaen a raibh ardmheas air. Ní miste caidé a deirtear, chuir seo isteach go mór ar sprid agus meanma na foirne. Níor chuidigh easpa leanúnach Pheadair Uí Cheannubháin tríd ghortú ach an oiread. Gan dabht, tiocfaidh Tír Eoghain arís.

Tá sé cruithaithe ag foireann Ard Mhacha go bhfuil a gcuid cluichí uilig comhionannach agus tá coimhlint an lae inniu tuilte go maith acu. Tá comhsheasmhacht faoi leith acu le trí bliana anuas agus tá foireann maith acu agus is mór an chúlú don Chumann iad. Tá siad ar cheann de na foirne is fearr sa tír faoi láthair agus ní féidir ach le foireann níos fearr ná iad a mbua a fháil i gCorn an Anglo-Celt.

Anois, cad fá Thír Chonaill? Níor thug ach beagán daoine seans dóibh a dhul chomh fada le cluiche ceannais Uladh. Is foireann corpanta, láidir agus sciliúil iad. Tá feabhas ag teacht orthu i rith an ama agus bhí sé le feiceáil go solléir sa dá chluiche a d'imir siad ó thosach na Craoibhe, in eadan Aontroma agus Thír Eoghain. Ní fhaca mé foireann ariamh aroimhe a raibh an chinnteacht agus an chrógacht chéanna ag baint leo. Ar an lá chuirtear siad pléisiúir ar dhuine a bheith ag féachaint orthu.

Ar ndóigh, tá sé níos tábhachtaí ná aon rud eile, go n-imeotear an cluiche i ndóigh mhaith spórtúil. Níl muidinne i gCumann Lúthchleas Gael ag iarraidh ar gcluichí a bheith curtha ó mhaith le feall shuaracha, nó le mionbhaic ar bith eile. Ba cheart tabhairt le taispeáint go bhfuil muid mar pháirt den chluiche is fearr ar an domhan agus a beith brodíil as achan bhomaite ar pháirc na himeartha. Tá a fhios agam go nbeidh cuid foirne Ard Mhacha agus Thír Chonaill ar thús cadhnaíochta san achainn seo.

Cén áit a mbeidh corn an Anglo-Celt 'sna míonna amach romhainn? An mbeidh áit aige i measc úllóid chontae Ard Mhacha, nó an bpillfidh sé go dúiche Uí Dhonaill? Creidigh mé, bhí brionglóid agam agus corruair tagann mó bhrionglóidí fíor í.



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



ROLL OF HONOUR

ULSTER FOOTBALL FINALS 1888-2004

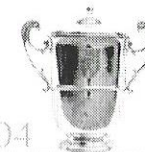


1946	- 28 Iuil, Aontroim 2-8, Cabhan 1-7, Cluain Eois.	1969	- 27 Iuil, Cabhan 2-13, An Dun 2-6, Beal Feirste.
1947	- 20 Iuil, Cabhan 3-4, Aontroim 1-6, Cluain Eois.	1970	- 26 Iuil, Doire 2-13, Aontroim 1-12, Cluain Eois.
	- 3 Lunasa, Cabhan 2-4, Ros Comain 0-6, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1971	- 25 Iuil, An Dun 4-15, Doire 4-11, Beal Feirste.
	- 14 Mean Fomhair, Cabhan 2-11, Ciarrai 2-7, New York.	1972	- 30 Iuil, Dun na nGall 2-13, Tir Eoin 1-11, Cluain Eois.
1948	- 25 Iuil, Cabhan 2-12, Aontroim 2-4, Cluain Eois.	1973	- 29 Iuil, Tir Eoin 3-13, An Dun 1-11, Cluain Eois.
	- 22 Lunasa, Cabhan 1-14, Co. Lui 402, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1974	- 28 Iuil, Dun na nGall 1-14, An Dun 2-11, Cluain Eois.
	- 26 Mean Fomhair, Cabhan 4-5, Co. Mhuigheo 4-4, Pairc an Chrocaigh.		- 4 Lunasa, Dun na nGall 2-9, An Dun 1-12, Cluain Eois.
1949	- 31 Iuil, Cabhan 1-7, Ard Mhacha 1-6, Cluain Eois.	1975	- 27 Iuil, Doire 1-16, An Dun 2-6, Cluain Eois.
1950	- 23 Iuil, Ard Mhacha 1-11, Cabhan 1-7, Cluain Eois.	1976	- 18 Iuil, Doire 1-8, Cabhan 1-8, Cluain Eois.
1951	- 29 Iuil, Aontroim 1-7, Cabhan 2-3, Cluain Eois.		- 25 Iuil, Replay - Doire 0-22, Cabhan 1-16, Cluain Eois.
1952	- 27 Iuil, Cabhan 1-8, Muineachan 0-8, Cabhan.	1977	- 24 Iuil, Ard Mhacha 3-10, Doire 1-5, Cluain Eois.
	- 17 Lunasa, Cabhan 0-10, Corcaigh 2-3, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1978	- 23 Iuil, An Dun 2-19, Cabhan 2-12, Cluain Eois.
	- 12 Deireadh Fomhair (Ath-imir), Cabhan 0-9, Co na Mi 0-5, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1979	- 22 Iuil, Muineachan 1-15, Dun na nGall 0-11, Cluain Eois.
1953	- 26 Iuil, Ard Mhacha 1-6, Cabhan 0-5, Beal Feirste.	1980	- 20 Iuil, Ard Mhacha 4-10, Tir Eoin 4-7, Cluain Eois.
1954	- 25 Iuil, Cabhan 2-10, Ard Mhacha 2-5, Cluain Eois.	1981	- 19 Iuil, An Dun 2-13, Ard Mhacha 1-10, Cluain Eois.
1955	- 31 Iuil, Cabhan 0-11, Doire 0-8, Cluain Eois.	1982	- 18 Iuil, Ard Mhacha 0-10, Fearmanach 1-4, Cluain Eois.
1956	- 29 Iuil, Tir Eoin 3-5, Cabhan 0-4, Cluain Eois.	1983	- 24 Iuil, Dun na nGall 1-14, Cabhan 1-11, Cluain Eois.
1957	- 28 Iuil, Tir Eoin 1-9, Doire 0-10, Cluain Eois.		- 15 Iuil, Tir Eoin 0-15, Ard Mhacha 0-7, Cluain Eois.
1958	- 27 Iuil, Doire 1-11, An Dun 2-4, Cluain Eois.	1984	- Muineachan 2-9, Doire 0-8, Cluain Eois.
1959	- 9 Lunasa, An Dun 2-16, Cabhan 0-7, Cluain Eois.	1985	- Tir Eoghain 1-11, An Dun 0-10, Cluain Eois.
1960	- 31 Iuil, An Dun 3-7, Cabhan 1-8, Cluain Eois.	1986	- Doire 0-11, Ard Mhacha 0-9, Cluain Eois.
	- 11 Mean Fomhair (Ath-imir), An Dun 1-7, Ua Bhfaiolge 1-5, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1987	- Muineachan 0-10, Tir Eoghain 0-11, Cluain Eois.
	- 25 Mean Fomhair, An Dun 2-10, Ciarrai 0-8, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1988	- Tir Eoghain 0-11, Dun na nGall 0-11, Cluain Eois.
1961	- 25 Iuil, An Dun 2-10, Ard Mhacha 1-10, Beal Feirste.	1989	- Replay, Tir Eoghain 2-13, Dun na nGall 0-7, Cluain Eois.
	- 6 Lunasa, An Dun 1-12, Ciarrai 0-9, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1990	- Dun na nGall 0-15, Ard Mhacha 0-14, Cluain Eois.
	- 24 Mean Fomhair, An Dun 3-6, Ua Bhfaiolge 2-8, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1991	- An Dun 1-15, Dun na nGall 0-10, Cluain Eois.
	- 29 Iuil, Cabhan 3-6, An Dun 0-5, Beal Feirste.	1992	- Dun na nGall 0-14, Doire 1-9, Cluain Eois.
1962	- 28 Iuil, An Dun 2-11, Dun na nGall 1-4, Cavan.	1993	- Doire 0-8, Dun na nGall 0-6, Cluain Eois.
1963	- 19 Iuil, Cabhan 2-10, An Dun 1-10, Beal Feirste.	1994	- An Dun 1-17, Tir Eoghain 1-11, Cluain Eois.
1964	- 1 Lunasa, An Dun 3-5, Cabhan 1-8, Cluain Eois.	1995	- Tir Eoghain 1-13, An Cabhan 0-10, Cluain Eois.
1965	- 31 Iuil, An Dun 1-7, Dun na nGall 0-8, Beal Feirste.	1996	- Tir Eoghain 1-9, An Dun 0-9, Cluain Eois.
1966	- 23 Iuil, Cabhan 2-12, An Dun 0-8, Cluain Eois.	1997	- An Cabhan 1-14, Doire 0-16, Cluain Eois.
1967	- 28 Iuil, An Dun 0-16, Cabhan 1-8, Beal Feirste.	1998	- Doire 0-7, Dun na nGall 0-8, Cluain Eois.
1968	- 18 Lunasa, An Dun 2-10, Gaillimh 2-8, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	1999	- Ard Mhacha 3-12, An Dun 0-10, Cluain Eois.
	- 22 Mean Fomhair, An Dun 2-12, Ciarrai 1-3, Pairc an Chrocaigh.	2000	- Ard Mhacha 1-12, Doire 1-11, Cluain Eois.
		2001	- Tir Eoghain 1-13, An Cabhan 1-11, Cluain Eois.
		2002	- Ard Mhacha 1-14, Dun na nGall 1-10, Cluain Eois.
		2003	- An Dun 4-08, Tir Eoghain 1-17
			Replay: Tir Eoghain 0-23, An Dún 1-05



ROLL OF HONOUR

ULSTER FOOTBALL FINALS 1888-2004



1887	- No Ulster Championship	1920	- 8 July, Cavan 4-6, Armagh 1-4, Cootehill.
1888	- 19 August, Monaghan (Inniskeen Grattans) 0-2, Cavan (Maghera McGinns) 0-2, Drogheda.	1921	- 29 October 1923, Monaghan 2-2, Derry 0-1, Clones.
Replay	- 9 September, Monaghan 0-3, Cavan 0-1, Drogheda.	1922	- 22 April, 1923, Monaghan 2-3, Cavan 2-3, Clones.
1889	- No Ulster Championship		- 20 May, Replay - 1923, Monaghan 3-4, Cavan 3-3, Belturbet.
1890	- 12 October, Armagh Harps 2-8, Tyrone (Cookstown) Owen Roe O'Neills 1-2, at Lisburn.	1923	- 2 September, 1923, Cavan 5-10, Monaghan 1-1, Cavan.
1891	- 1 November, Cavan Slashers v Armagh Harps (unfinished), at Smithborough.	1924	- 21 September, Cavan 1-3, Monaghan 1-3, Belturbet.
	- 6 December, Replay - Cavan 1-11, Armagh 0-0, at Smithborough.		- 2 November, Replay - Cavan 2-3, Monaghan 1-3, Ballybay.
1892-1894	No Championship	1925	- 2 August, Cavan 2-3, Antrim 3-0, Monaghan.
1895	- Cavan W.O. (played in the Leinster Championship).		- 16 August, Replay - Cavan 3-6, Antrim 1-0, Belturbet.
1896-1899	No Championship	1926	- 29 August, Cavan 5-3, Antrim 0-6, Cavan.
1900	- Antrim W.O.	1927	- 31 July, Monaghan 3-5, Armagh 2-5, Armagh.
1901	- 5 April 1902, Antrim 3-5, Armagh 2-5, Belfast.	1928	- 29 July, Cavan 2-6, Armagh 1-4, Cavan.
1902	- 4 April, 1904, Armagh 2-2, Antrim 1-4, Belfast.	1929	- 30 July, Monaghan 1-4, Cavan 1-4, Cavan.
1903	- 24 April 1905, Cavan 0-5, Armagh 0-5, Armagh.		- 11 August, Replay - Monaghan 1-10, Cavan 0-7, Carrickmacross.
	- 28 May, 1905 Replay - Cavan 0-5, Armagh 0-5, Cavan.	1930	- 27 July, Monaghan 4-3, Cavan 1-5, Carrickmacross.
	- 11 June, Replay - Cavan 0-8, Armagh 0-4, Newbliss.	1931	- 2 August, Cavan 0-8, Armagh 2-1, Dundalk.
1904	- 24 May, 1906, Cavan 0-7, Monaghan 0-3, Clones.	1932	- 19 June, Cavan 2-4, Armagh 0-2, Monaghan.
1905	- Cavan.	1933	- 6 August, Cavan 6-13, Tyrone 1-2, Armagh.
1906	- 25 August, 1907, Monaghan 2-10, Antrim 1-2, Clones.		- 27 August, Cavan 1-5, Kerry 0-5, Cavan.
1907	- No Championship	1934	- 24 September, Cavan 2-5, Galway 1-4, Croke Park.
1908	- 13 September, Antrim 1-8, Cavan 0-4, Clones.	1935	- 29 July, Cavan 3-8, Armagh 0-2, Castleblayney.
1909	- 28 November 1909, Antrim 1-9, Cavan 0-5, Clones.		- 28 July, Cavan 2-6, Fermanagh 2-1, Belturbet.
1910	- 18 June, 1911, Antrim 3-4, Cavan 0-1, Dundalk.		- 18 August, Cavan 1-7, Tipperary 0-8, Croke Park.
1911	- Antrim.		- 22 September, Cavan 3-6, Kildare 2-5, Croke Park.
1912	- 10 December, Antrim 2-2, Armagh 0-1, Castleblayney.	1936	- 9 August, Cavan 1-7, Monaghan 0-7, Castleblayney.
1913	- 21 September, Antrim 3-1, Monaghan 1-2, Newbliss.	1937	- 25 July, Cavan 1-10, Armagh 0-3, Castleblayney.
1914	- 23 August, Monaghan 2-4, Fermanagh 0-2, Newbliss.	1938	- 31 July, Monaghan 2-5, Armagh 2-2, Armagh.
1915	- 22 August, Cavan 2-5, Monaghan 3-2, Belturbet.	1939	- 6 August, Cavan v Armagh, Castleblayney (abandoned).
	- 5 September, Replay - Cavan 0-4, Monaghan 0-3, Clones.	1940	- 28 Iuil, Cavan 4-10, Down 1-5, Cavan.
1916	- 24 September, Monaghan 3-1, Antrim 0-2, Clones.	1941	- 3 Lunasa, Cabhan 3-9, Tir Eoin 0-5, Ard Mhacha.
1917	- 28 October, Monaghan 4-2, Armagh 0-4, Clones.	1942	- 19 Iuil, Cabhan 5-11, An Dun 1-3, Dun Delgan.
1918	- 15 September, Cavan 3-2, Antrim 0-0, Belturbet.	1943	- 1 Lunasa, Cabhan 2-3, Muineachan 0-5, Cabhan.
1919	- 31 August, Cavan 5-6, Antrim 0-2, Clones.	1944	- 30 Iuil, Cabhan 1-9, Muineachan 0-5, Cluain Eois.
		1945	- 29 Iuil, Cabhan 4-10, Fearmanach 1-4, Cluain Eois.



Beir Bua le Gael Linn!

Help promote and foster our language, culture and music!

Join Cairde Gael Linn

Cars, Cash, Holidays to be won !!
€150,000 in Prizes to be won Annually

Or buy a
Gael Linn Scratch Card

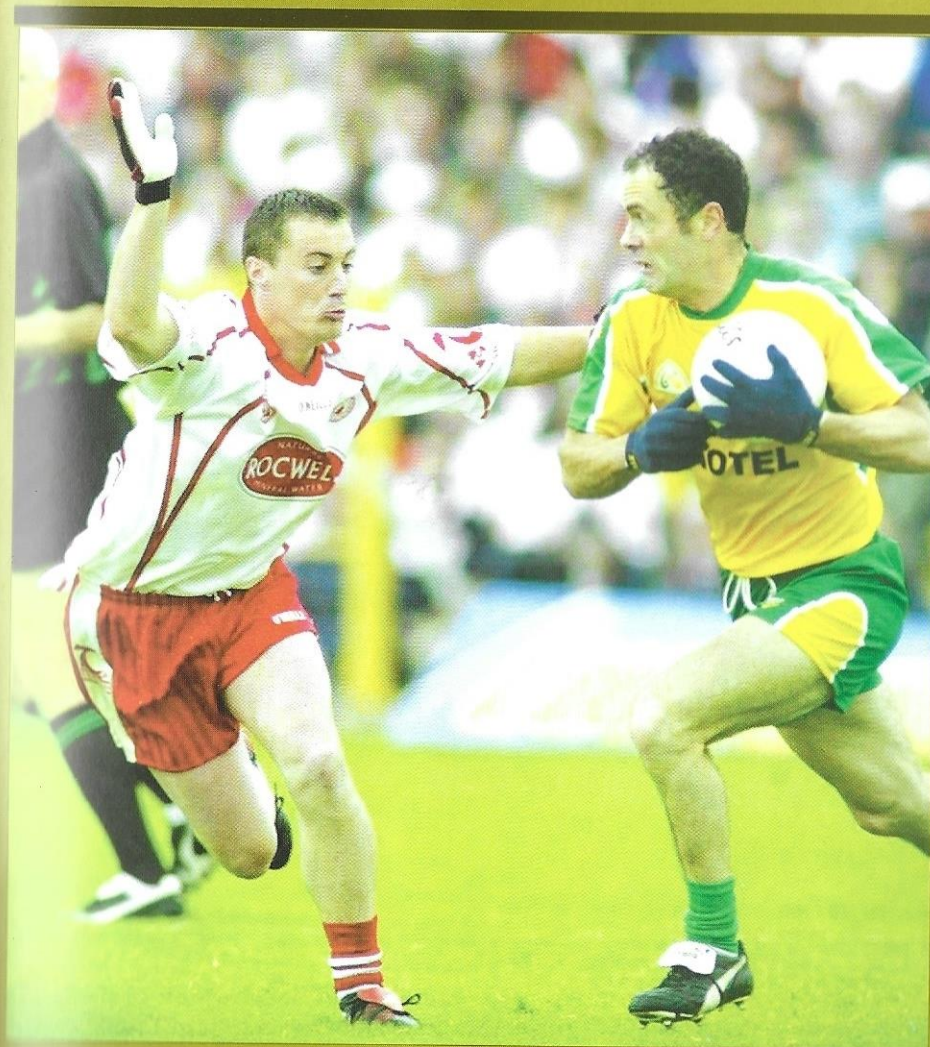


Eolas/Information;

Cairde Gael Linn, 35 Sr. an Dáma, B Á C 2
T: (01) 6751200, R-phost: eolas@gael-linn.ie

ACTION

DONEGAL V TYRONE





DONEGAL FRUIT CO. DONEGAL GAA SUMMER CAMPS 2004

The Donegal GAA County Board are running a series of Summer Camps throughout the County. The Camps are open to boys and girls from the ages of 7-13 years. Six week long camps will be held at the following locations:

FOOTBALL - 5 Day Camps:

July 28th - July 2nd			
Dunkineely	Terence McGinley	087 2717691	
	Brian McCabe	074 9736095	
Letterkenny	John Haran	0044 7734007225	
	Michael Murphy	086 6003159	
Falcarragh	Seanie Boyle	087 9350447	
July 5th - July 9th			
Ballybofey	Eamonn McAuley	074 9132499	
	Joe Porter	074 9145394	
Carndonagh	Elizabeth Doherty	086 3773300	
Dungloe	John Ward	086 6036406	
Urris	John Friel	074 9176533	
July 12th - 16th			
Ardara	James McHugh	087 2222277	
	John McConnell	087 6370074	
Downings	Paddy McBride	074 9155813	
Malin	Kerry Harkin	087 9944626	
	Maria McLaughlin	087 7763679	
Lifford	Mel McKinney	087 7796574	
July 19th - July 23rd			
Donegal Town	John Joe O'Shea	087 7959924	
Burt	Paul Callaghan	086 8066166	
	Ciaran Friel	074 9156555	
Milford	Shaun Barrett	086 6052169	
Letterkenny Gaels	Gary Coll	074 9126745	
July 26th - July 30th			
Dunfanaghy	Liam McEhinney	086 8611097	
Kilcar	Paddy Hegarty	087 6386612	
	Paddy Sweeney	074 9738210	
	Paul McCrudden	087 2506434	
Moville	Con O'Donnell	074 9381084	
	Ann Bonner	074 9381144	
August 3rd - August 7th			
Bundoran	John McEniff	087 2386250	

HURLING - 5 Day Camp:

August 16th - August 20th		
Carndonagh	Elizabeth Doherty	086 3773300

For further information contact James McHugh, Leaconnell, Ardara 087 2222277 or Michael Murphy, Bomany, Letterkenny 086 6003159

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Never had it so good

BY TONY MCGEE

Ulster football fans have never had it so good. Maybe some people will argue with that but it is a plain fact that the rest of the country is jealous of the deeds of Ulster teams just now.

Well known pundits have named a select group of counties that must be short-priced to lift the Sam Maguire Cup this year. Kerry and Galway are the only freely tipped teams apart from an Ulster selection of Armagh, Donegal and Tyrone to take the honours come September. Turn the clock back a year and five of the last eight in the championship were from Ulster with three of the National League semi-finalists arrived from the 'wee north'.

There has, of course, been criticism of the tactics used by Ulster teams recently. The packing of defence with practically everyone behind the ball doesn't go down well with the purists weaned on the catch and kick game. But it is 40 years since that was the common style.

Down teams of the sixties introduced the short-ball game and others copied. Even Kerry's traditional style of catch and kick was abandoned by the Kingdom for the fast moving, interchanging play when the players did more work than the ball.

Nowadays, despite the criticism from others, traditional counties, like Kerry, are adapting the 'Ulster-style'. A typical case of 'if you can't beat them, join them'.

The fact that Donegal dethroned All-Ireland champions Tyrone in the Ulster semi-final is proof positive that any Ulster team is a match for any other side. It is a fact that getting out of the northern province is one of the hardest aspects of winning the All-Ireland title. Armagh last year and Tyrone this year know that fact very well.

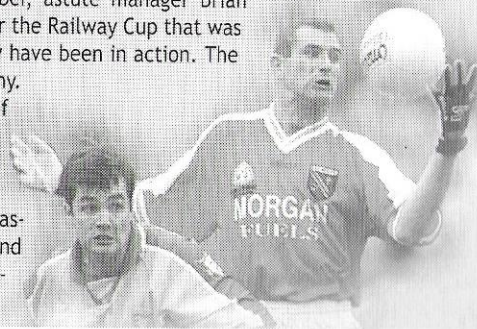
The back-door system adds another touch to the Ulster case and it again presents the opportunity of another all-Ulster All-Ireland final, like in 2003. That would really stamp Ulster football as the pinnacle of success.

Colm O'Rourke, speaking at an 'Irish News -Ulster Allstars' dinner said he would love to win one of the glittering trophies the players were getting but to do that he would have to play in Ulster football and he wouldn't like doing that! It may have been a tongue-in-the-cheek remark by the former Meath All-Ireland medallist but there was a sting in it.

What is generally forgotten is the dominance of Ulster in the Railway Cup. Brian McEniff can produce a team annually that takes the honours.

Don't tell me that it is because the other provinces are not bothered about winning. They are anxious to win but they just don't put the work in and, whisper it, the collective talent may not be there. Last November, astute manager Brian McEniff brought an Ulster team to Enniskillen for the Railway Cup that was missing quite a few players who would normally have been in action. The Saffrons were still good enough to win the trophy.

Today's Ulster final at the unlikely setting of Croke Park will give 'outsiders' a chance to see the northern talent in opposition. Personally, I don't agree with the venue but it does open the Ulster game to others. The final may not be a classic but it will show the passion, the dedication and the talents that Armagh and Donegal can produce.



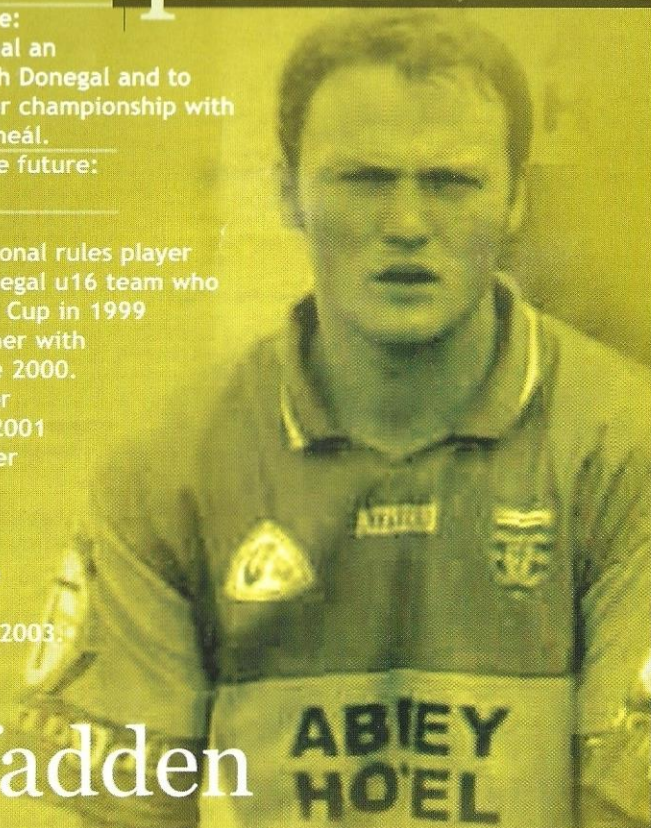
ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

- Club: Naomh Mícheál, Dunfanaghy, Co. Donegal.
- Age 21
- Height: 1.90 mts
- Weight 89 kgs.
- Occupation: Student
- Favorite position: Full Forward
- Favorite ground: Croke Park
- Most memorable games: Mc Laron and Sigerson Cup Finals
- Childhood Hero: Tony Boyle
- Favorite Film Star: Anthony Hopkins
- Favorite Food: Garlic Mussels
- Biggest disappointment: Losing the All Ireland Intermediate club final in 2003
- Biggest influence on my career: My father Colm.

profile

- Ways to improve the game: It's grand the way it is.
- Hopes for the future:
To win an Ulster Final an All Ireland Final with Donegal and to win a Donegal Senior championship with my club Naomh Mícheál.
- Young player for the future:
My brother Antóin
- Honours:
 1. Under 17 international rules player
 2. Captain of the Donegal u16 team who won the Ted Webb Cup in 1999
 3. Mc Laron Cup winner with St. Eunan's College 2000.
 4. Fresher Cup winner with NUI, Galway 2001
 5. Sigerson Cup winner with NUI, Galway 2003
 6. Donegal and Ulster Intermediate Championship winner's medals in 2003.

colm
mcfadden



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

The next step

As Donegal embark on their first Ulster Final in Croke Park, Brian McEniff leaves nothing for granted as he prepares his team to face Armagh. This is his fourth visit with the Donegal team to Croke Park since last July. As he prepares his team for the Ulster Final he has many memories to reflect on.

Ulster football in the last two years with great flair and ability. Today I expect this Donegal team to match Armagh in all areas and hopefully prevail at the end.

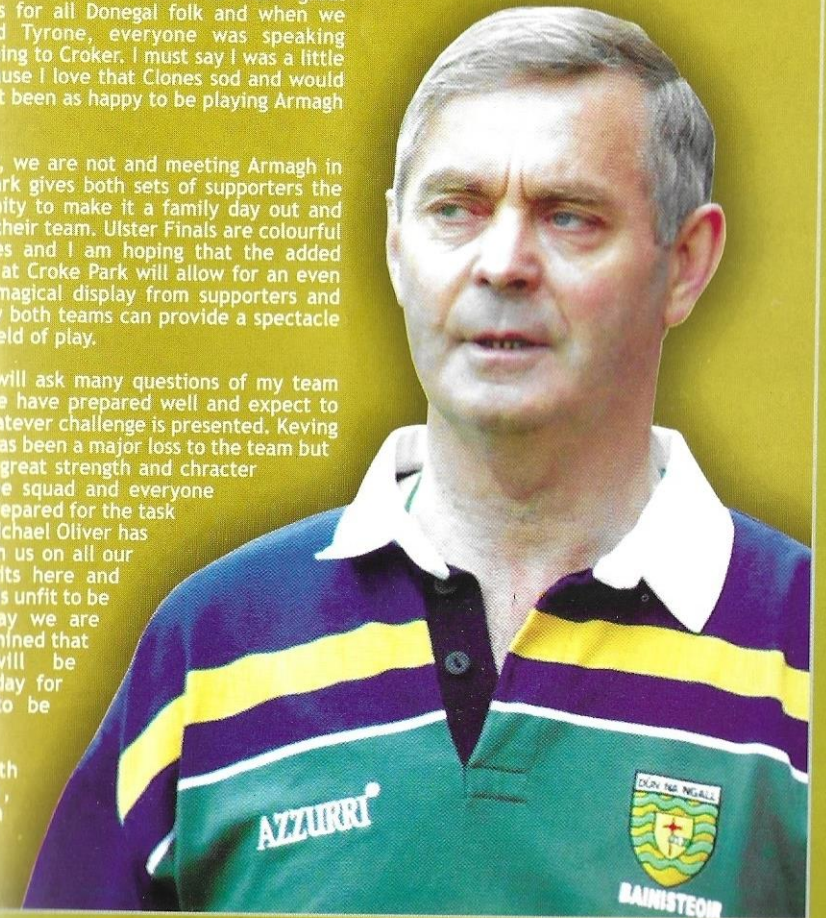
DONEGAL MANAGER BRIAN MCENIFF

Travelling to Croke Park is a great occasion for any team but when you go there for an Ulster Final then it is something different. Ulster Finals in Clones has many memories for myself in the past. My Dad brought me there when I was just a 'Gasur' and indeed that day I thought I was going to be swamped in the Hill. The memories of '72 and '92 were great moments for all Donegal folk and when we defeated Tyrone, everyone was speaking about going to Croke. I must say I was a little sad because I love that Clones sod and would have just been as happy to be playing Armagh there.

However, we are not and meeting Armagh in Croke Park gives both sets of supporters the opportunity to make it a family day out and support their team. Ulster Finals are colourful spectacles and I am hoping that the added capacity at Croke Park will allow for an even greater magical display from supporters and hopefully both teams can provide a spectacle on the field of play.

Armagh will ask many questions of my team today. We have prepared well and expect to meet whatever challenge is presented. Keying Cassidy has been a major loss to the team but we have great strength and character within the squad and everyone will be prepared for the task ahead. Michael Oliver has been with us on all our other visits here and while he is unfit to be here today we are all determined that there will be another day for Michael to be back.

Along with Tyrone, Armagh has carried the flag for



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

SNIPPETS

1904

The 1904 Ulster football championship was very badly publicised and the only game reported was the Ulster final on 24 May 1906 at Clones, between Cavan and Monaghan, and refereed by James Cotter, NT, chairman of the Armagh Co Board. Cavan won by 0-7 to 0-4, but Monaghan immediately objected, and their objection was upheld. Cavan appealed to the Central Council and their appeal succeeded. On 6 May 1906 Cavan met Kerry in the 1904 All Ireland semi final and were defeated by 4-10 to 0-10.

The Central Council agreed to play the 1904 Croke Cup semi finals in both hurling and football in Belfast on 25 November 1906. All Ulster and particularly Antrim was agog at the prospect of seeing top class exponents in both games in action in Ulster for the first time. However, to the annoyance of the Ulster Council and Antrim Gaeldom, the Central Council reversed its decision and transferred the games to Jones' Road, Dublin. The Central Council explanation was that there were no suitable facilities in Belfast and that they could get no cooperation from the GNR. Antrim refused to travel to Dublin to show their displeasure, but Cavan travelled and were easily defeated by Kildare.

1914

Two interesting recommendations emerged from the Annual Congress held in Dublin on 12 April 1914 which was well attended by Ulster Delegates. One was that All Ireland finals be played in Croke Park and the other, that, one All Ireland Semi Final be played in Belfast. The first recommendation is now a rule in the Treoraí Oifigiúil but only two semi finals were afterwards played in Belfast, the 1943 and 1944 hurling semi finals.

1924

All except Derry took part in the 1924 Ulster Senior football championship and Cavan, Tyrone, Monaghan and Antrim qualified for the semi finals, by beating Armagh, Donegal, Fermanagh and Down respectively. Monaghan defeated Antrim in Ballybay on 2 June 1-4 to 1-4 and then as a result of an objection defeated them again in Carrickmacross 1-4 to 1-1. Cavan beat Tyrone 1-6 to 0-7 in Belturbet and the way was now clear for another confrontation between Cavan and Monaghan. This final took place on 21 September in Belturbet and ended in a draw 1-3 to 0-6. The replay in Ballybay on 2 November created great excitement and after an excellent game the final score was Cavan 2-3, Monaghan 1-3.

1934

On the 18th August 1934, Gerry Arthurs of Keady, Co Armagh was appointed Treasurer of the Ulster Council which he was to hold for forty two years up to 1976.

1944

Cavan and Monaghan played in the Ulster Final of 1944 at the not yet officially opened St Tiernach's Park. The gates receipts reflected the space and convenience of Clones - £840 3s 6d.

1954

Armagh and Cavan played in the Ulster Final at Clones, Cavan winning on the score Cavan 2-10 Armagh 2-5. Gate receipts over £4,000.

1964

On 19th July 1964 the Ulster Final was played at Casement Park between Cavan and Down in a poor game. Cavan won on a score 2-10 to Down 1-10.

1974

Down and Donegal met in the Final at Clones before a capacity crowd - this game ended in a draw. In the replay Donegal won by 3-9 to Down's 1-12.

1984

On the 15th July 1984, Armagh and Tyrone met in the Final at Clones, Tyrone winning on a score Tyrone 0-15 Armagh 0-7.

1994

Tyrone and Down were the finalists in 1994. The game was played at St Tighernach's Park, Clones and Down won this final Down 1-17 Tyrone 1-11.

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

STAND CLEAR..!

BY MAURICE KENNEDY, THE ULSTER HERALD

No Tyrone. It's a bit like throwing a party for a loved(!) one who doesn't have the decency to show up. Not that Donegal will worry - all the talk of an Armagh/Tyrone Ulster final was music to McEniff's ears.

And talking of motivation, who better to meet in headquarters than Armagh, the side that thwarted Donegal ambitions for two years running?

Despite Donegal's dismembering of the All-Ireland champions, there's still a feeling out there among the neutrals that today's game is a kind of stand-in, a worthy but inferior substitute for what was meant to be.

More grist to the mill for McEniff who must already be getting a feeling of déjà vu. His class of '92 came from virtually nowhere and he probably has today's lads believing they can do the same.

Not that Donegal were ever that far away, but before last week you could get odds of 25/1 on their winning the All-Ireland. By teatime today you might gladly settle for fives.

As for Armagh, yes, it would have been more straightforward with Tyrone in the script, but canny Joe Kernan will have had allowed for all contingencies. McEniff has had to show his hand and there's a notion that Donegal will do very well to repeat their heroics of Clones.

Granted Armagh haven't exactly set the world on fire with exhibition football, but that's Armagh for you: patient, methodical, but most of all relentless.

On paper Donegal may have all the motivation, but Armagh just might have the edge when it comes to mental toughness. Donegal feel they could have, should have, beaten Armagh two

years on the trot; Armagh won both encounters playing badly.

The self-styled Ulster Final - as today's game is described in Clones - should be big on entertainment: the crusty old warriors of Emain Macha pitted

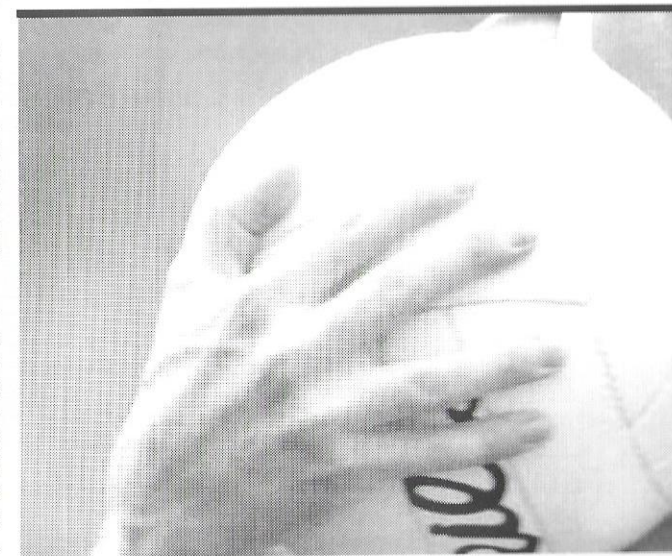
against the brash young boys with a touch of the Galway about them. Not that you could

ever see Galway coming out of Ulster.

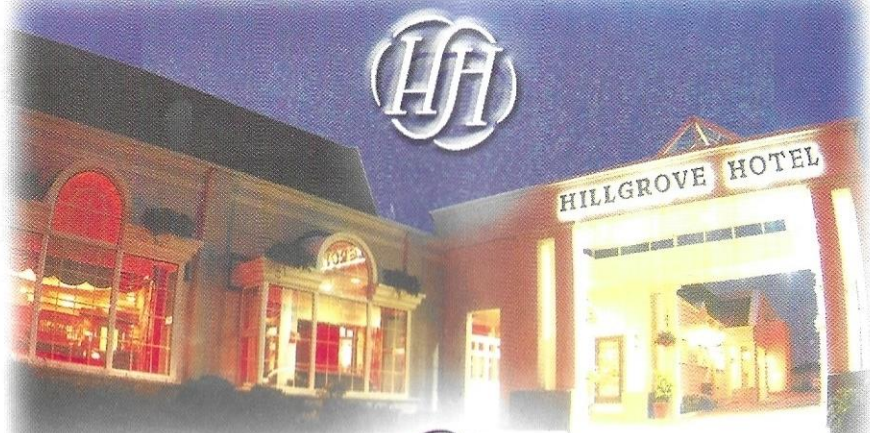
Of course we shouldn't generalise: Donegal has a right quota of hard hitters, just as Armagh has plenty of silken skills

mashed up with sinew and muscle. If Armagh play as they did in demolishing Monaghan, and Donegal can dig out their form

against Tyrone, we're in for one hell of a game. Stand clear . . .



ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



Hotel **Hillgrove**
Majestically Magical

Conference facilities, ideal for any event- small meetings to large conferences, rest assured you're in safe hands

Superb After Match meals available.

AMPLE CAR PARKING FACILITIES

Recording of today's match shown continuously throughout the evening in the Dartrey Bar

Wedding Specialists- allow us make a success of one of the most exciting days of your life



Old Armagh Road / Monaghan / Co Monaghan / Ireland
Tel: 353 47 81288 Fax: 353 47 84951
email: info@hillgrovehotel.com Web: www.hillgrovehotel.com



Friends for Life

The University of Ulster Jordanstown Gaelic Football Club will give you a real footballing education. For players of all abilities and levels, the Club has something for everyone. Excellent organisation, a remarkable success rate and friendships that will last a lifetime.



wear a jersey to be proud of

For further information on the Club visit the website www.uulgaelic.com

For further details on studying at the University of Ulster including our Elite Athlete Entry scheme, visit: www.ulster.ac.uk call 08 700 400 700 or email online@ulster.ac.uk
Callers from ROI: 00 44 8 700 400 700

THE ANGLO-CELT AND ITS HISTORY

The nine counties of Ulster battle each year for the Ulster Senior football championship title and the Anglo-Celt Cup. The cup was handed over to the Ulster Council by B.C. Fay, acting on behalf of the O'Hanlon family in mid-1925. Many tributes were paid to the O'Hanlon family and to Mr John F O'Hanlon in particular who was a former chairman of Cavan co Board and vice-chairman of the Ulster council and to the Anglo-Celt newspaper for its consistent support for the GAA since 1886.

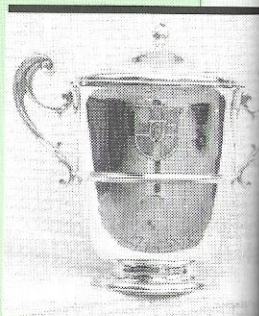
John Coburn (Antrim) supported by Paddy Murray, Armagh, proposed that the cup be a perpetual one and that it be awarded to Cavan to commemorate their 1925 Ulster Football Championship success. This was agreed and thus Cavan became first holders of the Anglo-Celt Cup, one of the many notable firsts for Cavan in Ulster competitions.

This particular cup figured in every Ulster final until it was replaced in 1962. The new Anglo-Celt cup was first won by Down in 1963, and the holders of the old trophy were Cavan.

The announcement that the Anglo-celt were presenting a cup to the winners of the Ulster Senior Championship was made at a meeting of the provincial council and was published in the Anglo-Celt dated Saturday 23rd of May, 1925, under the special GAA notes by 'Cuchullain'.

The report simply stated - *'The Anglo-Celt and the GAA - As I write I am informed by Mr B.C. Fay, Secretary of the Ulster Council that Mr E.T. O'Hanlon, Editor of the Anglo-Celt has presented to him a cup for the All-Ireland competition, recently organised in aid of the Ulster Council. The action is in keeping with the tradition of the Anglo-celt as a consistent supporter of the games of the Gael.'*

'The cup will now be formally presented by his nephew, who was probably the youngest follower of the GAA in the field that day. Then 6 years old, Edward O'Hanlon, later editor of the Anglo-Celt was then lifted on to the table and taking the cup in his hands he presented it to the great Cavan captain of the thirties Jim Smith with the words: "Your team played splendidly", a remark which was greeted with applause.'



BY EAMONN GAFFNEY

THE ANGLO-CELT
CAVAN

Ulster is the envy of the country

BY ADRIAN LOGAN, UTV

At the start of the year it would not have been labelled as the 'dream final' but for me the clash of Armagh and Donegal is right up there with anything the sport of GAA can offer. Donegal and Armagh run onto Croke Park today to make history and what a special occasion it will be.

The scoreboard rarely lies and this afternoon we have the two best teams in the Ulster championship in Croke Park for the Provincial final. It's a final that I am looking forward to. Two teams in their new look gear in front of thousands of their adoring fans along with many other neutrals. While others have been forced to take the scenic route this is without a doubt the best way to go if you are trying to win the Sam Maguire. Make no mistake about it. This afternoon we have two serious contenders for that piece of silverware.

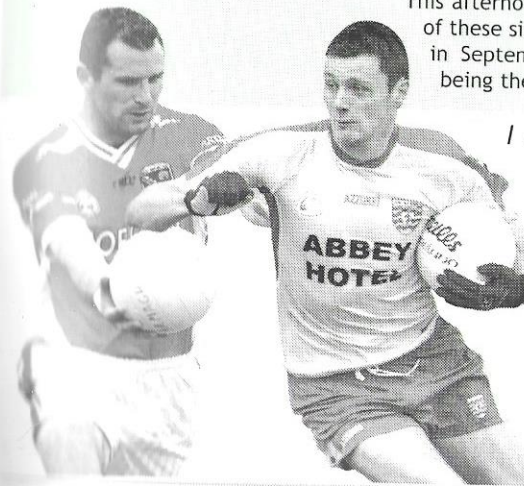
What a turn around it's been for Donegal. Problems everywhere we were told. They were struggling all season from the McKenna Cup, to the league, even to their first championship outing against Antrim. Then Brian McEniff began to work his magic and now they are here bidding for their first Provincial crown since 1992.

Donegal were superb against Tyrone in the second half of their semi final. Armagh were brilliant in their opening victory over Monaghan and in between both sides struggled. To be fair that will count for little this afternoon. Armagh showed against Cavan that they wanted to win, as did Donegal against the All Ireland champions Tyrone.

Both sides have allied that will to win with some superb performers. Armagh have so much experience and talent in their ranks that they have always been touted as one of the best bets for All Ireland glory.

Before the season began it was claimed that Donegal were boxing beyond their weight last season. They have certainly put that theory to bed once and for all. This Donegal side is packed with talent and with experience and who knows where their adventure will end this year. For a start they owe Armagh big time.

This afternoon will add a few more clues to see which of these sides has what it takes to succeed back here in September. I feel both have worthy claims of being the team to beat this season.



I hope it's a cracking Ulster Final like last year. I hope the fans have a great day and let the history books record once more that thousands of Ulster fans came to Croke Park and made it into a spectacular day.

Ulster is the envy of the country. Let's add to that today. May the best team win.



Other Insurers have promised lower rates in the future...we have reduced our prices Now!

For a competitive Quote on..

- ✓ Motor..
- ✓ Commercial Vehicle..
- ✓ Fleet..
- ✓ Household..
- ✓ Public & Employers Liability..
- ✓ Property Damage..
- ✓ Contractors All Risks..



Talk to the People who take a Partnership Approach to Insurance

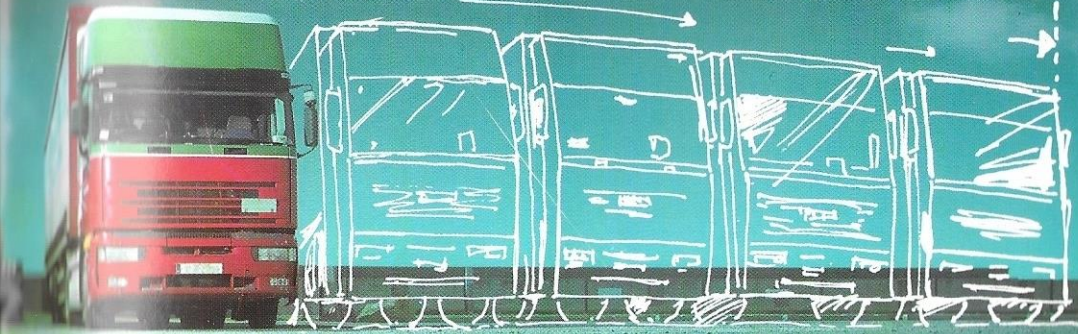
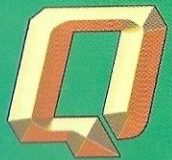
RoI - 1850 77 1850
NI - 0845 850 0845

Phone Lines open until 7:00pm (Saturday from 9:30am - 4:00pm)
QUINN-direct is the only fully Irish owned Insurance Company

Lackaghboy, Tempo Road, Enniskillen. BT74 6HR
Additional Offices on Dublin Road, Cavan and 9, O'Connell Street, Dublin 1

www.quinn-direct.com

QUINN-direct Insurance Limited is regulated by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority



Imagine if money wasn't a problem

Because if you can imagine it, so can we.

If you're thinking of growing your business, Bank of Ireland Business Banking can help make it happen. Why? Because every branch has an experienced Business Manager who can recommend a funding plan to help you realise your ambitions.

Drop in to your local Bank of Ireland branch and talk to us today.

Bank of Ireland 
Understanding Business

Leading offers and terms and conditions apply. Bank of Ireland is regulated by the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority.

DÚN na nGALL CUMANN na mBUNSCOL

Well here we are in 'Croker' - one of the finest stadiums in Europe. We would like to thank a few people:

First of all Brian McEniff and all the Donegal players who refused to read the script prepared for them in Clones. We arrive here on their coat tails - the best of luck to them today.

CLG, Uladh have made a historic and imaginative decision to stage the Ulster Final in Croke Park - we thank them for their help and support in allowing the Cumann na mBunscoil players show their skills here.

Our own County Board, Croke Park, teachers, parents and young players are all due a big thank you.

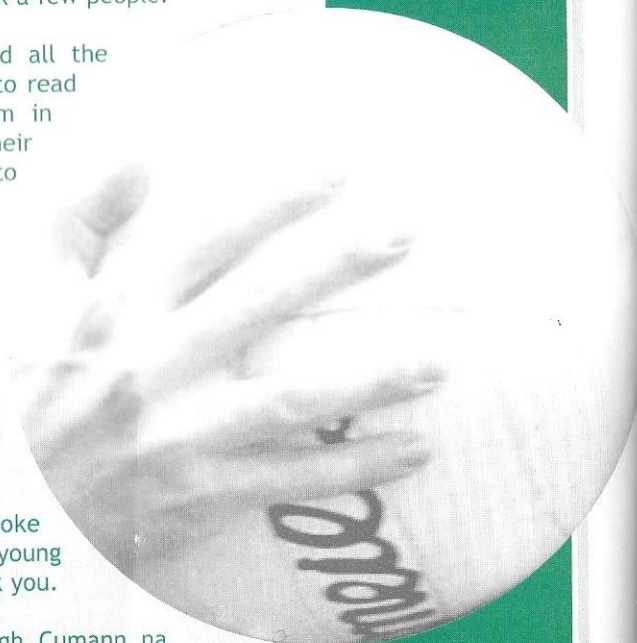
We know most of the Armagh Cumann na mBunscoil people and we wish them well.

We wish their Senior team all the best but remember these Donegal players prepare their own scripts.

Finally the young Cumann na mBunscoil players selected today come from all over the county, from Malin Head to Glencolmcille and from Ballyshannon to Gaoh Dobhair.

Some famous Donegal footballing names are carrying on a long association with the county. Other names may be unfamiliar and are starting a new tradition. We will see many of them again wearing their county colours.

ÁDH MHÓR ORAIBH GO LÉIR.



DÚN
na
nGALL

Cumann
na
mBunscoil

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

Armagh Primary School Team - Contae Ard Mhacha Cumann na mBunscoil

16. Barry Black St Anthony's, Craigavon	1. Lorcan O'Kane Armagh Christian Brothers	
17. Daniel McQuade St John's, Eglish	2. Dermot McVeigh St Joseph's, Poyntzpass	3. Pascal Carville St John's, Middletown
18. Conor McKinley St Malachy's, Camlough	4. Sean McCavanagh St Teresa's, Lurgan	5. Stephen Kerr St Malachy's, Armagh
	6. PJ McNally St Patrick's, Aghacommon	7. Gary Linnie Killeen Primary
	8. Lorcan Quinn St Laurence's, Belleek	9. Ben O'Hare St Patrick's, Armagh
	10. Fergal Moore Tannaghmore Primary	11. Shane McCabe St Francis, Lurgan
	12. Michael Keenan St Oliver Plunketts, Forkhill	13. Niall Grimley St Joseph's, Madden
	14. John McNally St John the Baptist, Portadown	15. Barry McKinley St Mary's, Mullaghbawn

CUMANN NA mBUNSCOIL

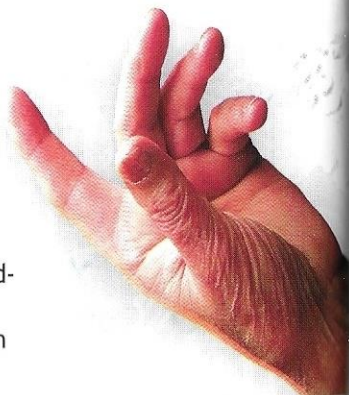
Donegal Primary School Team - Contae Dún na nGall Cumann na mBunscoil

	1. Killian Sweeney Scoil Chróine, Dungloe	16. Aron Coyle St Peters NS, Mount Charles
2. Johnny Kennedy Scoil Naomh Fiachra, Illistrin	3. Raymond McNamee Scoil Bhríde, Convoy	4. Joe Marley Taobhóg NS, An Clochán
	5. Paul Cairns Scoil Cholmcille, An Tearmann	6. John O'Malley Scoil Mhuire, Na Gleanntaí
	7. Cristóir Ó Dugáin Scoil Chonaill, Bun Beag	17. Ruairi McCrudden St Francis NS, Barnes
	8. John Bán Gallagher Commons NS, Killybegs	9. Pádraig Doherty St Mary's NS, Malin Head
10. Matthew O'Donnell St Nauls NS, Keelogs	11. Eunan Doherty, Dooish NS, Ballybofey	12. Odhrán MacNiallais Scoil Mhuire, Doire Beaga
13. Jordan Cunningham Cashel NS, Glencolmcille	14. Martin Shiels, Rasheny NS, Rasheny	15. Shane Canny, Scoil Naomh Cholmcille, Craigtown

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

BUILDING CHARACTER -OUR GREATEST INVESTMENT

It's easy to miss the point, to drop the ball. We are so busy that at times it can be forgotten where our major investment is. Our detractors and critics can attempt to deflect attention away from our real purpose. With busy hard-working officials and players beavering away and critics screaming through the keyholes, the real work of the GAA can be forgotten, misunderstood or ignored. Let it be remembered and let us remind ourselves and others constantly what it is we do in the association;



WE BUILD CHARACTER

Can anything be more precious than character building? Can a price be put on investment in character formation? Of all aspects of our work in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael, character building is our most precious task.

AOGÁN Ó FEARGHAIL - TREASURER, ULSTER COUNCIL GAA

Yes we invest financially in team and games development. Also, no other body on this island, either governmental or organisational, invests as much finance in stadia development as we do. No other body contributes voluntarily to the building of community, county, provincial and national identity in the manner that we do.

There is no other sporting body that re-invests all its income in games development and in improvement of facilities. Yet the GAA has an even greater investment - 'We Build Character'.

In all our games, from local U-12 matches right up to Senior Inter County action, you will see, revealed before your eyes the character built by GAA units.

Many are involved - coaches and teachers at all levels, officials, officers, committee members, workers, stewards - a whole host of people - *human investment*.

Ulster Council are delighted with the ongoing development of Gaelic Games in the province. The formation of character is evident all around us. It is our most precious investment. We will nurture it and grow it in the years ahead.

Enjoy the games and the fruits of much investment will be revealed before your eyes.

BEIR BUA

Ulster Final Quiz Winner of 4 Final Tickets:

Tommy Rodgers, 45 The Grange, Annesborough Road, Lurgan, Co Armagh

THE GAA
BUILDS
CHARACTER.

GAMES REVEAL IT.

Bank of Ireland
Football Championship

THE GAME

ULSTER'S GAELIC WEEKENDER

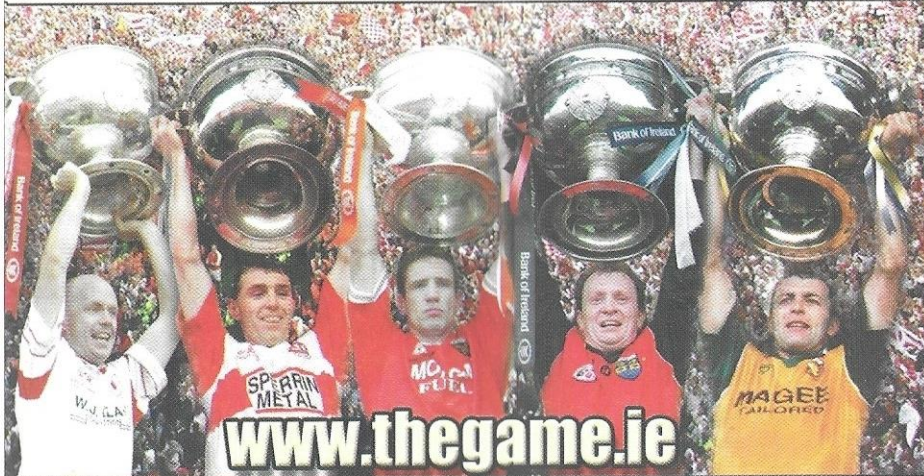
*Ulster's Only Weekly Newspaper
dedicated to Gaelic Games...*

**On Sale Every
Friday**

Read the top names in Ulster Gaelic Games
Every Week in 'the GAME'

including Anthony Molloy, Cathal O'Rourke, Peter Canavan,
Mickey Harte, Gregory O'Kane, Dominic McKinley,
Eamon Coleman, Greg Blaney, Gearoid
Adams, Henry Downey, Dominic Corrigan, Stephen King,
Nudie Hughes, DJ Kane, Debbie Lee Fox,
Jenny Greenan, Lynette Hughes, Paul Brady...

On sale in all local newsagents.
If you are unable to purchase a copy of 'The Game'
please order your copy or alternatively call our
office and let us know about it.
Tel: Conor on 028 8225 1590



www.thegame.ie

Did You Know?

More than a quarter of a million spectators attended the
ten Ulster Senior Football Championship games in 2003...
Your Business can now target this audience!

Contact us now for Advertising

Tel: (028) 8225 1590 (NI) or (048) 8225 1590 (ROI) - email: advertising@thegame.ie

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL

THE PARAGON

047.52204

Fermanagh Street, Clones, Co. Monaghan

THE PARAGON BAR & SIR JACKS NITE CLUB



After the game everyone
knows the name of
The Paragon

Best Wishes to the
ARMAGH, DONEGAL,
DOWN & TYRONE
Teams in today's
matches



Where all Gaels Meet

Music for all your functions, weddings, 21sts, birthdays etc. - contact the Hughes Bros., Colm on 086 3135397

www.theparagon.ie

Good Craic | Good Music | Good Sport

BED & BREAKFAST ALSO AVAILABLE

ARD MHACHA v DÚN na nGALL



FOUR SEASONS
HOTEL
& Leisure Club

MONAGHAN
Tel: 047 81888
Email: info@4seasonshotel.ie
Web: www.4seasonshotel.ie



LEISURE
CLUB

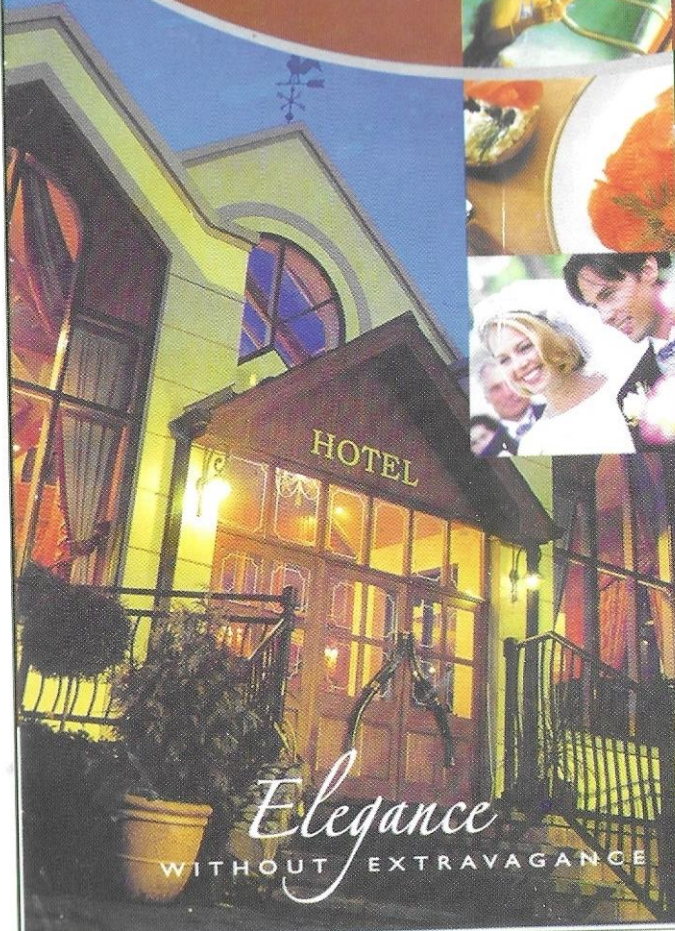


SUPERB
FOOD
& WINE



WEDDING
SPECIALISTS

CARVERY
daily from 12 noon
or BAR FOOD
2pm-8pm



LUNCH &
DINNER
RANGE
RESTAURANT
12 noon - 2.30pm
6pm - 9.30pm



AVENUE
Restaurant

Creative Cuisine
Contemporary Setting

Elegance
WITHOUT EXTRAVAGANCE