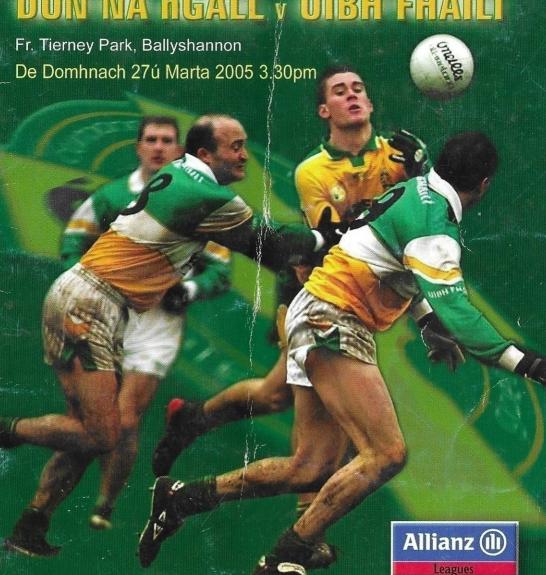


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I would like to welcome especially the players, mentors, officials and followers from Offaly for this important league game and I hope you enjoy your visit to Donegal.

Donegal and Offaly have a lot in common during the League campaign of 2005. Both have struggled to make an impression with our visitors today, a point ahead of us at the bottom of Division 1A. However, we are proud of the way Donegal have performed so far. We have lost four games, but two of those by just one point.

Today is an opportunity for both teams to take a step away from the relegation zone and we can be assured that we will get a good sporting encounter.

On behalf of Coiste Contae Dún na nGall, I thank the Aodh Ruadh club for their excellent arrangements for today's game and also to the Park Committee for again producing a match programme that maintains their usual high standard.

This weekend is an important one for club football in Donegal with the commencement of the All-County Leagues with many important games down for decision tomorrow, Easter



Monday.

I wish all clubs well as they set out on the competitive road once more and look forward to competitive games in the new home and away League structure.

But back to today, with the long evenings now after the time change, let's hope for a good game this afternoon.

Míle Buiochas,

Charlie O Dónaill
Cathaoirleach Coiste na Contae.

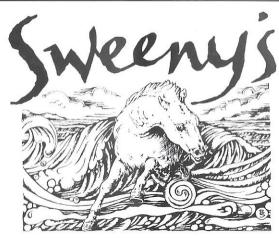
### **MATCH PROGRAMME**

Match Programme prepared by Aodh Ruadh Park Committee

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Cover Photo: Eamon McGee in action against Offaly's Mark Daly and Ciaran McManus on the last meeting.



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### Today's Referee - Peter Carney (Roscommon)

Today is Peter's second game in an FBD final in New York. the current National Football League. The Elphin man has been charge at all levels. As a player he refereeing since 1998 after an injury curtailed his footballing career.

He has refereed at many levels in Married to Ruth, they have three Connacht including an U-21 and Minor final and also took charge of Aoife (4).

In Roscommon he has been in won an Intermediate medal with his club in the 1990s.

girls, Ashling (13), Emer (10) and



#### **DIVISION 1A TABLE**

	P	W	D	L	F	Α	Diff	Pts
Tyrone	5	4	0	1	4-62	0-58	16	8
Mayo	5	4	0	1	5-67	6-57	7	8
Kerry	5	3	0	2	7-54	4-56	7	6
Dublin	5	3	0	2	5-55	4-60	-2	6
Cork	5	1	2	2	5-52	3-56	2	4
Offaly	5	1	1	3	5-61	6-67	-9	3
Westmeath	5	1	1	3	2-51	7-50	-14	3
Donegal	5	1	0	4	3-55	6-53	-7	2

#### Remaining Fixtures

TODAY: Donegal v Offaly; West Meath v Tyrone; Cork v Dublin; Kerry v Mayo

Sunday 3rd April: Donegal v Cork; Offaly v Dublin; Mayo v Westmeath; Kerry v Tyrone



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Thanks to a great last quarter display Donegal were deserving winners of this entertaining game at O'Connor Park, Tullamore on Sunday.

Behind 0-10 to 0-8 at the break after playing with the advantage of a good breeze, the prospects were not bright for the Tirconaill men, especially as their defence looked in trouble towards the end of the first half.

However, a spirited second half display saw them limit the opposition to just three points and at the other end, Adrian Sweeney came into his own, kicking four points with his colleagues chipping in with four more.

The opening half-nour was very evenly contested with points being exchanged score for score, although Donegal seemed to have work harder for their scores than Offaly. The Tirconaill men also missed a number of easy chances, especially from frees.

It looked as if the absence of Brendan Devenney would have a big effect, but thanks to the industry of Michael Hegarty and Brian Roper, they were able to keep in touch, these two players accounting for five of their first half total of eight.

Down three points at the start of the second half, Donegal really showed fighting spirit to draw level, and when they fell behind again, they responded magnificently to finally turn the tide against Offaly, introducing many of their younger players such as Kevin Rafferty and Christy Toye.

Offaly: Padraig Kelly; Cathal Daly, Ger Rafferty, Barry Mooney; John Hurst, Alan McNamee, Karol Slattery (0-1); James Grennan, Adrian Mahon; Colm Quinn (0-2, frees); John Kenny (0-1), Basil Malone (0-3, one free); Donie Claffey (0-2), Neville Coughlan, Pascal Kellaghan (0-4). Subs., Donie Ryan for C. Quinn (44 mins.), Vinnie Claffey for Coughlan (48 mins.), Finbar Cullen for J. Kenny (60 mins.), Marius Stones for Hurst (72mins.)

Donegal: Tony Blake; Mark Crossan, Eamon Doherty, Noel McGinley; Raymond Sweeney, Ciaran Browne, Damien Diver (0-1); John Gildea, Jim McGuinness; Brian McLaughlin (0-1, free), Michael Hegarty (0-3), Brian Roper (0-3); Andrew Gallagher, Adrian Sweeney (0-5, four frees), James Gallagher (0-1, free). Subs., Kevin Cassidy for Browne (15 mins.); Johnny McCafferty (0-1) for Gallagher (47 mins.); Kevin Rafferty for McLaughlin (52 mins.); Christy Toye for Roper (67 mins.) Colm McFadden was used as blood replacement for Andrew Gallagher.

### February 2004 MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey DONEGAL 2-7 OFFALY 1-7

On a day for getting down and dirty and rolling up the sleeves, Donegal and Offaly did just that in this Div. 2A Allianz League opener at Ballybofey.

Donegal's greater potency up front was just about

enough to see them claim the two precious league points. But only just, as Offaly, gave as much as they got. The Midlander's inadequacies in front of the posts, especially in the second half, leading to their downfall.

The Faithful county, who were the better team in the first half, paid the price for a lack of scoring ideas in the second period. One point was their only return in 39 minutes of second half action and that came two minutes into injury time. Donegal were only marginally better as they posted four second half points.

In fairness to both teams the heavy first half rain took its toll and underfoot conditions deteriorated drastically in the second

Despite being on the back foot for much of the first half, Donegal, were still smiling at the break and still very much in the game on level terms, 2-3 to Offaly's 1-6.

Brian McLaughlin's goal, just before half-time, was a real boost and a great lift. It brought Donegal kicking and screaming back into the contest that was definitely slipping away.

Donegal must have got a real roasting at half-time. Not only did they return with a change of strip, but they also had more fire in their bellies. And the umpire had his coat scarcely buttoned up when Brendan Boyle raced through for the lead point, and one minute later they were two up thanks this time to Brendan Devenney.

However, this was to be their last score until ten minutes from time when Adrian Sweeney once more split the posts from a 20 metre free. Thankfully, Offaly left their shooting boots in the dressing room and while they had a number of chances all were squandered as Donegal set up a blanket defence. It was very much a case of what we have we hold for Tirchonaill.

Donegal scored once more before the close, Christy Toye, from an acute angle knocking over the insurance point nine minutes from time. Coughlan ended the Midlander's embarrassing prospect of a scoreless second half when he found the target on seventy two minutes. And Offaly almost pulled off an amazing draw in the closing seconds, Brendan Boyle getting back to block a Coughlan close range strike on goals.

Donegal: Tony Blake; Shane Carr, Raymond Sweeney, Eamonn McGee; Dessie McNamara, Barry Monaghan, Kevin Cassidy; Paul McGonigle, John Haran; Brian McLaughlin (1-0), Michael Hegarty, Brian Roper; Johnny McCafferty, Adrian Sweeney (0-2,1F), Brendan Devenney (1-3,1F). Subs: Brendan Boyle (0-1) for Johnny McCafferty, 22 mins.; John Gildea for J. Haran, 48 min.; Christy Toye (0-1), for B. McLaughlin, 60 min; Colm McFadden for P. McGonagle, 70 min.

Offaly: Kevin Meehan; Barry Mooney (0-1), Cathal Daly, Michael Flynn; Shane Sullivan, Scott Brady, Matthew Mitchell; Mark Daly (0-1), Ciaran McManus (0-2,1F); Cillian Farrell, Pascal Kellaghan (1-0), Joe Quinn; Tomas Deehan, Neville Coughlan (0-2), Niall McNamee. Subs: Colm Quinn for T. Deehan, 21 min.; James Coughlan for Cillian Farrell, 49 min.; Alan McNamee for P. Kellaghan, 60 min.; Conor Evans for S. Sullivan, 62 min.; John Reynolds for J. O Neill. Referee: Michael Daly (Mayo).

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The next time Donegal and Offaly clash, is it likely to be on a bill with an Ireland v Holland soccer friendly or a New Zealand rugby tour of the northern hemisphere.

It is possible. Is it right?

Is our wonderful national game of Gaelic football becoming all-too-like the sports it is contemplating allowing access to Croke Park?

There can be few questions as to where red and yellow cards came from while Ronan O'Gara is surely more familiar with kicking tees that Diarmuid Murphy. As for the boards held aloft by the male model on the sideline to display stoppage time and substitutions, where have I seen them before? They definitely don't bear the "Guaranteed Irish" logo.

Any footballer, regardless of ability will remember standing shivering for most of a training session, waiting for a turn to "put the toe to the ball." Now, a chairde, it seems fine to pick it from the sod, Gavin Henson style, and run like blazes.

While change is inevitable and progress to be welcomed in any organisation, is the GAA being almost foolhardy regarding the use of its Mecca in North Dublin.

This summer, U2 will take to Croke Park and they won't be singing "the banks of my own lovely Lee" nor will the strains of "Molly Malone" be top of their repertoire.

Gordon Darcy sent shockwaves through hardcore members of the association recently when he suggested he would like to play at Pairc Ui Rinn. The pup, how dare he? Unless he's planning to sign for Nemo Rangers.

If rescinded, even in part, could the aftereffects of rule 42 extend to grounds outside of Croke Park? Would we Gaels have to stand meekly outside the changing rooms at our grounds while the rugby boys drag half the dirt off the field into the showers and the soccer boys pose for pictures and pack away their shin guards? As it stands, rugby, soccer and Gaelic footballers and clubs enjoy quite harmonious relations in many parts of Ireland with numerous players and administrators being common to the sports. Indeed in some cases, particularly overseas, training and playing facilities are regularly shared.

Gaelic football grounds have been opened up for festivals, pageants and all sorts of occasions yet we shiver at the thought of a foreign code being allowed through the gates.

If we do open Croker, what will we get out of it? Will revenue be channelled into the grassroots of the association to improve coaching at club and school level and ancillary facilities, or will Pairc an Chrocaigh Teo be the benefactor. This, one feels will be crucial as to how the vote goes at next month's Congress as will the term of any proposed use.

Some 268 post-primary schools in Ireland aren't partaking in Gaelic Games at all while through some shrewd financial management, the balance on the Croke Park project has plummeted to 36million and should now be cleared by 2010 instead of 2015 as originally predicted.

Let us welcome the players and officials of the Faithful county to Fr. Tierney Park today to play football, that's Gaelic football by the way...

To be continued next week......



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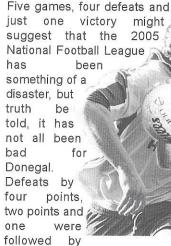
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victory over Kerry by one and then defeat again by the minimum last Sunday in Parnell Park in controversial circumstances. The positive from the five games has been the success of the young guns - Eamon McGee of Gaoth Dobhair; Ryan Bradley of Buncrana; Rory Kavanagh of St. Eunans; Michael Boyle of Termon; Karl Lacey of Four Masters and Neil Gallagher of Glenfin. When you throw in 22 year-olds Paul Durcan, Christy Toye and Colm McFadden you have more than half a team that are just starting out on their football careers. As well as that you have Four Masters Barry Dunnion in reserve, while injury has probably robbed Neil McGee of a sustained

The real positive from the five games so far has been the displays of the above. The St. Michaels pair have come good in the last couple of games (thanks to some subtle words of wisdom from Killybegs mentor, John Cunningham).

St. Eunan's Rory Kavanagh has had a great run so far. He has been very successful at winning 50-50 ball and also finding space. However, in the past two games he has been a little reluctant to find colleagues at county player on their hands.

Young Ryan Bradley got the opportunity during the Dr.

McKenna Cup and he grabbed his opportunity with both hands. He

ups

has had his

downs in the

League but the experience is bound to have a good effect on him as he has another year at U-21 level next year.

the right moment, and if he can get that right

then Donegal would have a very good

The competitive nature of Division One, as welk as a few niggly injuries, has probably denied other fringe

players an opportunity to stake a place. One felt that Martin Caulfield of Na Rossa would have been able to step up to the mark but injury ruled him out in the early stages.

Big Neil Gallagher has certainly grasped his opportunity and Donegal, at last, have a big man to throw into the midfield battle. Gallagher is still learning but he has time and his real talent is in using the ball intelligently. He will probably have to get a little more mobile but he has put in some great displays, especially against Mayo and Kerry.

Donegal can stay in the top flight then trips to places like Kerry and Cork are on the cards next year.

Young players will learn more - no matter what the result - when they are opposed by the Dubs, the Kingdom, etc.

That is the stage for the Kavanaghs, Gallaghers and McGees. A win today would help keep that dream alive.



### HATEHIM





### DÚN NA NGALL

(1)
P. O Durcain
(Paul Durcan)
(Four Masters)

(2) N. Mac Riada (Niall McCready) Aodh Ruadh (3)
R. Mac Suibhne
(Raymond Sweeney)
Dungloe

E. Mac Aoidh (Eamon McGee) Gaoth Dobhair

(5)
S. Mac Giolla Chearra
(Shane Carr)
Four Masters

(6)
B. O Muineachain
(Barry Monaghan)
Four Masters

(7)
C. O Casaide
(Kevin Cassidy)
Gaoth Dobhair

(8)
S. Mac Diarmada
(Stephen McDermott)
Glenfin

N. O Gallchoir (Neil Gallagher) Glenswilly

(9)

(10) C. O Tuatha (Christy Toye) St. Michaels (11)
M. O hEigheartaigh
(Michael Hegarty)
Kilcar

(12)
B. O Roipear
(Brian Roper)
Aodh Ruadh

(13)
R. O Caomhanaigh
(Rory Kavanagh)
St. Eunans

(14)
R. O Brollachain
(Ryan Bradley)
Buncrana

(15)
C. Mac Phaidin
(Colm McFadden)
St. Michaels

Fir Ionad: 16, S. O Baiollain (Sean Boylan, Cloughaneely); 17, D.O Duibhir (Damien Diver, Ardara); 18, C. De Leis (Karl Lacey, Four Masters); 19, B. O Duinin (Barry Dunnion, Four Masters); 20, N. Mac Aoidh (Neil McGee, Gaoth Dobhair); 21 E. O Rodain (Eamon Reddin, Burt); 22 A. Mac Suibhne (Adrian Sweeney, Dungloe); 23, B. O Duibheannaigh (Brendan Devenney, St. Eunans); 24 S. O Casaide (Stephen Cassidy, Gaoth Dobhair); 25 P. Mac Anultaigh (Paddy McNulty, MacCumhaills); 26 C O Duinn (Conal Dunne, St. Eunans); 27 M. O Caulfield (Martin Caulfield, Na Rossa); 28 G Mac Uidhir (Gavin Maguire, St. Nauls); 29 C O Maolmhuaidh (Conal Molloy, Killybegs); 30. N. MacFhionnlaoich (Noel McGinley, Naomh Columba).

### **UIBH FHAILI**



(1) P Ó Ceallaigh (Padraic Kelly) (Shamrocks)

(2) C Ó Dálaigh (Cathal Daly) (Tullamore)

(5)
B Ó Maonaigh
(Barry Mooney)(Capt)
(Shamrocks)

(3) (4)
C Ó hEimhín S Ó Suilleabháin
(Conor Evans) (Shane Sullivan)
(Ballyfore) (Rhode)

(6) (7)
S Ó Brádaigh C Ó Slatara
(Scott Brady) (Karol Slattery)
(Clara) (Gracefield)

(8) (9)
C MacMánais A MacConMidhe
(Ciarán McManus) (Alan McNamee)
(Tubber) (Rhode)

(10) N Ó Cochláin (Neville Coughlan) (Shamrocks)

(13) C Ó Coinn (Colm Quinn) (Ballycumber) (11) M Ó Dálaigh (Mark Daly) (Clara)

(14) N MacConMidhe (Niall McNamee) (Rhode) (12) S MacRánaill (John Reynolds) (Clara)

(15) S Ó Cochláin (James Coughlan) (Doon)

Fir Ionad: 16. C MacConmara (Colin McNamara, Edenderry); 17. S Ó Cionaoith (John Kenny, Tullamore); 18. R Ó Maoláin (Roy Malone, Rhode); 19. N Ó Grianáin (Nigel Grennan, Ballycumber); 20. S Ó Cein (James Keane, Tullamore); 21. S Ó Grianáin (James Grennan, Ferbane); 22. S Ó Coinn (Joe Quinn, Clara); 23. A.N. Other; 24. A.N. Other.

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### 1982 All-Ireland Senior Football Champions - Offalv



Front row (1 to r) - Mick Fitzgerald, Pat Fitzgerald, Martin Furlong, Richie Connor (capt.), John Guinan, Johnny Mooney, Brendan Lowry, Michael Lowry. Back row (l to r) - Sean Lowry, Gerry Carroll, Padraig Dunne, Liam O'Connor, Liam Currams, Matt Connor, Tomas O'Connor,

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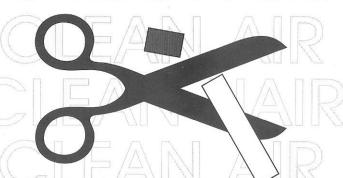


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- Who was Offaly manager when they won their only National Football League title in 1998.?
- Who was captain of that team.?
- When did Offaly win their only Minor Football title.?
- An Offaly club team contested the first All Ireland Club Hurling Final unsuccessfully.?
- What club was it?
- Who were Offaly's senior football champions in 2004?
- What club won the county's hurling title in 2004?
- What is the name of the GAA Park in Birr.?
- What Offaly footballer was the unanimous choice at right half back on the first All-Star football team in 1971.?
- 10. What Offaly hurler was goalkeeper on the initial All-Star hurling team in the same year?
- 11. What Offaly man was midfield on both the 1971 and 1972 All-Star football teams?
- 12. What Offaly player has won the most All-Star awards in either hurling or football.?
- 13. What famous Offaly footballer of the past was known as 'The Iron man from Rhode'?
- 14. When did Offaly first contest an All-Ireland senior football final and what was the result.?
- 15. Name the former Offaly player who won football All-Star awards as a forward and as a defender.?
- 16. When Offaly won the Sam Maguire cup in 1982 who captained the team.?
- 17. Name the Donegal born T na G analyst who won Railway cup medals with Ulster in 1979 and 1980.?
- **18.** Name the only Donegal man to lift the Anglo Celt Cup twice.?
- 19. Who captained Ardara to victory in the 2004 Donegal Senior Football Championship?
- 20. Who is the leading scorer for Donegal in an All Ireland Football Final.?
- 21. Who is Donegal Minor team manager for 2005?

Kerry in the U-21 final of that year; 21. Sean Clerkin from Buncrana. 19. Damian Diver; 20. Manus Boyle but not in 92, when he scored 0-9. He actually scored 1-/ against Connor from Walsh Island; 17. Finian Ward from Glencolmoille; 18. Anthony Molloy in 1990 and 1992; them by 3-6 to 2-8; 12. Sean Lowly, 1979 at full forward and 1982 at centre-half-back; 16. Ritchie three as a defender and one at full forward; 13. Paddy Mc Cormac; 14. 1967 when Down defeated 8. St. Brendans; 9. Eugene Mulligan; 10. Damian Martin; 11. Willie Bryan; 12. Brian Whelahan with 4, leading markemen of his day; 5. St Rynaghs who were defeated by Roscrea; 6. Rhode; 7. Coolderry; team included Martin Furlong in goals and Tony Mc Iague, who went on to become one of the country's 1. Tommy Lyons, who later became Dublin manager; 2. Finbarr Cullen from Edenderry; 3. 1964; 4. The

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### Snippets.....

### Offaly's Amazing Hurling Record in the 80's

When Offaly won their first Leinster Senior Hurling Final in 1980 little did the hurling world realise how they would dominate hurling in Leinster for the next 10 years. In fact the Faithful County followers would see their hurlers contest every single senior hurling final from 1980 to 1990 inclusive. Their efforts were rewarded with 7 Leinster titles during that period. They also won the Liam Mc Carthy Cup in 1981 and 1985. All hurling followers will have fond memories of their first hurling

Final victory in 1981 when a dramatic late goal from Johnny Flaherty saw off the Galway challenge and Pauric Horan duly lifted the cup In 1985 they again defeated the Tribesmen and Pat Fleury was captain on this occasion. The achievements of Offaly's are all the more remarkable when on considers the small number of clubs that make up the hurling team.

#### **Kick Fada Champion**

Offaly goalkeeper, Padraig Kelly is the current holder of the all Ireland Kick Fada Sponsored by MBNA and held each year at the Bray Emmett's club grounds. This was his first win in the competition and he managed to stay ahead of a host of county stars to win the first prize. Joe Sheridan of Meath was second and former Donegal and Naomh Columba goalkeeper, Gerry McGill, was joint third. Donegal can expect long and accurate kick-outs during today's game.

#### **Dual Star link with Donegal**

One player who is assured to remain in the GAA history books is Offaly's Liam Currams. In 1981 he lined out at midfield for Offaly in their historic All Ireland hurling victory. He was also a member of the football side of 1982 which thanks to the famous Seamus Darby goal Offaly won their 3rd football title with Liam starring in the half—back line on this occasion. In addition, he won a hurling All-Star in 1981 and a football award in 1982. Sadly injury cut short his inter-county career.

Equally at home at hurling or football, Liam is also a natural golfer and is now domiciled in Donegal Town.



Donegal's Brian Roper in action against Offaly.

#### ULSTER'S ALL-IRELAND ROLL OF HONOUR

- 1980---Railway Cup Football.

  Derry: Vocational Schools Football
- 1981-Derry: Vocational Schools. Football.
- 1982—Donegal: Under 21 Football. Queen's University: Sigerson Cup. Antrim: Club Championship Hurling. Lough Giel.
- 1983—Railway Cup Football. Down: National Football League Derry: All-Ireland Minor Football.
- 1984-Railway Cup Football.
- 1985-Monaghan: National Football League.
- 1986—Down: St. Colman's College, the Hogan Cup; Down: Burren, Club Football Championship.
- 1987—Down: Minor Football Championship, Donegal: U-21 Football Championship. Ulster: Railway Shield, Hurling:
- 1988—Down: Burren, Club Football Championship; Down; St Colman's College, the Hogan Cup; Tyrone: Voc Schools.
- 1989—Railway Cup Football. Derry: All-Ireland Minor Football. Derry: St.Patrick's, Maghera, The Hogan Cup.
- 1990-Derry: St. Patrick's, Maghera, The Hogan Cup.
- 1991—Railway Cup Football. Down: All-Ireland Senior Football. Tyrone: All-Ireland U-21 Football. Derry: Lavey, All-Ireland Club Football.
- 1992---Railway Cup Football Donegal: All-Ireland Senior Football Tyrone: All-Ireland U 21 Football Derry; National Football League.
- 1993 Railway Cup Football Doire: All-Ireland Senior Football Down: St.Colman's, Newry, The Hogan Cup.
- 1994 Railway Cup Football Down: All-Ireland Senior Football
- 1995—Derry: National Football League. Derry: St. Patrick's, Maghera: The Hogan Cup. Donegal: Vocational Inter-County Football. Down: St. Mark's, Warrenpoint; Under-16 Football.
- 1996—Derry: National Football League Tyrone: Junior Hurling Championship Donegal: Voc. Schools Inter-County Football Fermanagh: C.F.C. Voc. School: Under 18 Individual Fermanagh: St. Comhgall's, Lisnaskea: Voc. Schools Under-16 Individual

- 1997—Armagh, Crossmaglen, All-Ireland Club Football
  Derry, All-Ireland Under-21 Football Championship
  Monaghan All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship
  Tyrone, St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon Colleges
  Championship
  Monaghan, "B" All-Ireland, Patrician High School,
  Carrickmacross
  St. Mark's, Warrenpoint, All-Ireland U-16
- 1998—Inter Provincial Championship Tyrone - Minor Football Championship Down - St. Colmans College Newry, Colleges Championship Tyrone - Vocational Schools
- 1999—Down All-Ireland Minor Championship Armagh - Crossmaglen - All Ireland Club Champions
- 2000- Derry National Football League
  Tyrone Under 21 All Ireland Football
  Crossmaglen Rangers All Ireland Club
  Championship
  Ulster Railway Cup Football
  Fermanagh All Ireland 'B' Football
  Armagh All Ireland Junior Hurling
  Armagh All Ireland Specail U16 Hurling
  Antifm All Ireland U16 Hurling
- 2001 Tyrone Under 21 All Ireland Football,
  Tyrone Minor Football Championship
  UUJ Sigerson Cup University Football
  Monaghan Vocational Schools Inter-County Football
  St. Joseph's Coalisland Vocational Schools JFC
  Donegal National Hurling League Division 3
  Armagh Minor Hurling Championship 'C'
  Armagh Under-16 'C' Hurling
- 2002 Armagh All Ireland Senior Football Championship
  All Ireland Minor Football Championship
  All Ireland Minor Football Championship
  All Ireland Vocational Schools
  Ballinderry All Ireland Club Championship
  Antrim All Ireland Junior Hurling
  Donegal All Ireland Minor 'C' Hurling
  Monaghan All Ireland Under 16 'C' Hurling
- 2003 Tyrone All Ireland Senior Football Championship Tyrone - Allianz National Football League St. Pat's Maghera - All Ireland Colleges Senior Ulster - All Ireland Inter Provincial Antrim - Under 16 B Hurling Donegal - Minor C Hurling Artmagh - U-16 C Hurling
- 2004 Tyrone All Irealdn Minor Football Championship
  Armagh U-21 All Ireland Football Championship
  Monaghan U-16C All Irealnd Hurling Championship



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