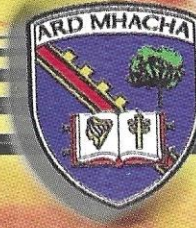


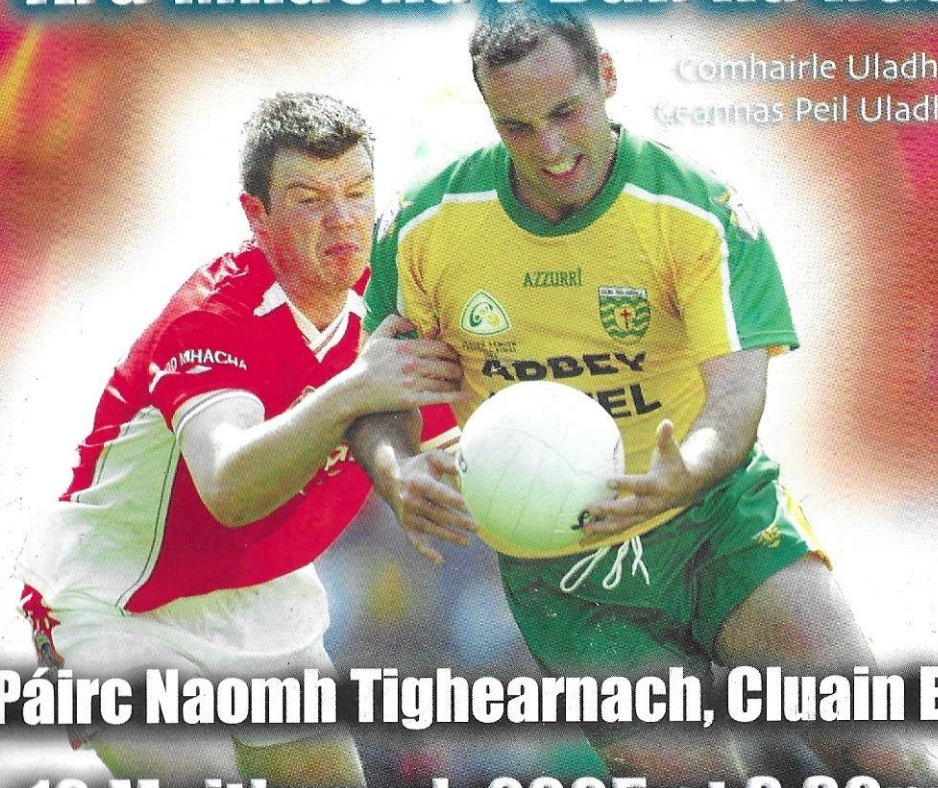
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An Réiteoir



JOE MCQUILLAN

(AN CABHÁN)

Today's senior referee is Joe McQuillan a 28 year old member of the Kill Shamrock's club in Cavan. He has been on the inter-county list for six years and has previous experience in the Ulster Minor League. As a player he helped his club to win the Fr Manning cup and also played with Cavan at U-16 and Vocational schools level and as a referee had Senior Championship and Minor Championship finals. One of the young referees coming into the system Joe has refereed Senior Championship games in Connaught and Munster.

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An Réiteoir



JOHN DEVLIN

(TÍR EOGHAIN)

John is a member of the Pomeroy

Plunketts Club. He is refereeing

Hurling games since 1997 and has

refereed National Hurling League

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Final, Ulster Junior Final, 4 Tyrone

Senior Hurling Finals and a

Fermanagh Senior Hurling Final. He

is married to Siobhán and has 2

boys & 2 girls and they are avid

Gaelic football fans.

DEFEAT - A TEMPORARY SPORTING BLIP

"YOU'RE an Armagh man, I can't be making you privy to confidential information..."

Brian McEniff was in mischievous mood when I contacted him earlier this week in relation to the possible composition of his team for today's game. Yet in that cryptic one-liner the Donegal boss probably said more about himself, albeit inadvertently, than he did about me or his team.

Here is a manager whose side lost heavily to Armagh in last year's Ulster final, were beaten by them previously in the penultimate stages of the All Ireland championship and have not enjoyed the best of good fortune generally on the All Ireland stage yet he is still prepared to retain a smile on his face.

And his counterpart today, Joe Kernan, is rarely short of a quip, either whether it be in relation to his own team, the opposition or life in general.

Maybe herein lies one of the more fundamental elements of GAA that tends to be conspicuous by its absence - the fact that the pressure is not all-consuming, that there is still opening for the occasional injection of levity and that there can be a frisson of humour in even the bleakest situations.

Sharing an appreciation of life's lighter moments is not the only bond that unites McEniff and Kernan. Both are All Ireland winning managers, both scaled the heights as players and both are passionate about the welfare of their respective counties.

It was back in 1972 that McEniff played on a Donegal side that won the Ulster championship while Kernan did his bit when Armagh reigned supreme on the provincial stage in 1977. Since the 70's, the duo have been immersed in GAA.

And not without success, either.

Kernan guided Crossmaglen Rangers to All Ireland Club glory on three occasions before taking over the Armagh reins from the Brian McAlinden - Brian Canavan partnership while McEniff, apart from his hugely successful sojourn with Donegal in the early 90's, has continued his involvement with the county side as well as striding the Croke Park corridors of power as a member of hugely influential Headquarters committees.

I have often suggested that gaelic football is the most professional amateur sport in the world. And, no, it's not because of the financial gains that those involved on the coal face garner. Rather, it's because of the gains that they SURRENDER to ensure that they can give their chosen sport maximum attention.

Both Kernan and McEniff are successful in business and, were they not 24/7 GAA people, would surely considerably enhance their respective bank balances elsewhere. But such is their love for football and their passionate commitment to their counties that even the most tantalising business propositions are often put on hold until the 'real' business of masterminding championship progress has been tackled.

And it's because of their attention to detail, their dedication to every aspect of their work and the support they receive from their respective backroom teams that they derive the momentum and stimulus that keeps them going even when the tide is not in their favour. Defeat may be the lot of one of them today - but in the greater landscape of an Ireland in which illness, racial strife, domestic issues and many other issues hold centre stage, let's file defeat where it belongs - a temporary sporting blip.

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An Cabhán v Dún na nGall

15.22 Paráid
15.28 Amhrán na bhFiann

14.15 Half Time

15.30 Tús an Chluiche:
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AN CABHÁN

Ulster U-21 Shield Hurling Championship

Fir Ionaid

16 Lucas Reilly
Mullahoran St. Josephs

17 Pauraic McInerney
Ballymachugh

18 Justin Halley
Cavan Gaels

19 Seamus McKiernan
Woodford Gaels

20 Sean Dolan
Woodford Gaels

21 Eugene Campbell
Ballymachugh

22 Nial Daly
Ballymachugh

23 Barry Dalton
Mullahoran St. Josephs

24 Thomas Craig
Cavan Gaels

1
Ruairi ó Hanluain
Rory O Hanlon
Cavan Gaels

2
A. O Siridain
Anthony Sherdian
Mullahoran, St. Josephs

3
L O Coinín
Liam Rabbitt
Cavan Gaels

4
S. óg ó Bradaigh
Sean óg Brady,
Mullahoran St, Josephs

5
S. O Bradaigh
Stephen Brady,
Mullahoran St. Josephs

6
D. O Siridain
Dermott Sherdian
Mullahoran St. Josephs

7
E. an Chnoic
Eugene Hill
Ballymachugh

8
M. An Chnoic
Michael Hill
Ballymachugh

9
Ronán O hEacháin
Ronan O Hagan
Mullahoran, St. Josephs

10
S. O hAilche
Jonathan Halley
Cavan Gaels

11
S. O Daltúin
Jonathan Dalton
Mullahoran, St. Josephs

12
M O Murchú
Mathew Murphy
Cavan Gaels

13
P.P. O Gealagáin
Peter Paul Galligan
Mullahoran St. Josephs

14
S. O Bruaidi
James Briody
Mullahoran St, Josephs

15
E. O Loinsaigh
Emanuel Lynch
Cavan Gaels

AN CABHÁN	Cúil	Cúitíní	Seachal	65	Saor Ciceanna
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DÚN NA NGALL

Ulster U-21 Shield Hurling Championship



Fir Ionaid

Ciaran O Ceallaigh
Ciaran Kelly
Setanta

2
Caomhan Mac Gaibheachain
Kevin McGavigan
Beart

3
Matrain Mac Craith
Martin Mc Grath
Beart

4
Benny O hArgain
Benny Harrigan
Beart

5
Sean O Maille
John O Malley
McCumhails

6
Conor Mac Lochlainn
Conor Mc Laughlin
Beart

7
Caomhan Mac an Ultaigh
Kevin Mc Nulty
Na Ceithe Maistiri

8
Enda MacDiarmaid
Enda Mc Dermott
Beart

9
Antaine Mac Conamha
Anthony Mc Inaw
Na Ceithe Maistiri

10
Seosamh O Baoill
Joe Boyle
Beart

11
Caomhain Mac Cathmhaoil
Kevin Campbell
Setanta

12
Michael O Rois
Micheal Rushe
McCumhails

13
Sean MacDaibheid
Shane Mc Daid
Beart

14
Donal O Cuillinn
Danny Cullen
Setanta

15
Barra MacAoidh
Barry Mc Gee
McCumhails

16. A.N. Other

17. Liam O Riordain
Na Ceithe Maistiri

18. Dermot Callaghan
Na Ceithe Maistiri

19. Micheal Laffert
Setanta

20. Mark Patton
Na Ceithe Maistiri

21. Paddy Mc Gover
Setanta

22. Kevin Glenn
Beart

23. Declan Bushel
Na Ceithe Maistiri

24 A.N. Other

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Armagh's new self-belief the key By Joe Mc Manus

The old adage 'there's always a first time' must surely be to the foremost of Donegal hearts and minds as they attempt today to turn the tables on old rivals Armagh who certainly have the sign on them. Despite all kinds of rumours emanating from the North West about injuries and indifferences in the Tir Conaill camp, I would be greatly surprised if Brian Mc Eniff hadn't his men 100 per cent focussed and prepared for battle. Orchard supremo Joe Kernan, for one, will be taking those rumours with a pinch of salt. He will not be one bit concerned with what is or what is not going on in Donegal, his sole focus will be Armagh and making sure that attitude and commitment levels are right up to standard. Perhaps, in the past, Armagh have fallen into the trap of thinking too much about the opposition to their own disadvantage. The All-Ireland Final against neighbours Tyrone may best describe this fault. Big Joe has always maintained that being in charge is a learning process. 'We worry about ourselves' has become his new inspiring motto. But having said that his respect for Donegal has always been honest and profound. Few would disagree that Donegal footballers, individually, are as good as they come, but collectively they have been founding wanting for quite a number of years, particularly when it matters most. Maybe the tried and failed policy of piling all the pressure on the two front men Sweeney and Deveney has changed. Has Brian Mc Eniff anything new up his sleeve today...only time will tell! Over the past 20 years the sides have met regularly in the championship and in more recent times Armagh have had the better of two Ulster finals and also an All-Ireland semi-final. Two of these encounters were played at Croke Park. However, a closer audit of all of those games shows that goals gave Armagh the upper hand. Despite being relegated in the league, Donegal were never too far away in any of their games against the cream of the country. Indeed a point or two in the other direction would have made all the difference. Armagh since their opening defeat against Wexford have gone nine games undefeated and annexing the league title for the first time has bolstered their confidence immeasurably. If Armagh had a shortcoming over the past decade it must surely have been their inability to instil self-belief. Defeats against Monaghan and Fermanagh in the championship and the outcome of those re-matches characterises the two faces of Armagh football. The Armagh domestic championship has thrown up a few niggly injuries but such is the incredible depth of strength that boss Kernan has to choose from, alarm bells are out of the equation. Armagh have unquestionably grown in stature through sheer experience and results. They can concede scores, sometimes needlessly, without flustering, settle the boat and put matters right which, of course, is a hallmark of their greatness. Donegal have reasonable grounds for optimism about their prospects of ending a losing sequence. As usual they will bring good credentials and should be all geared up to make a bold bid to turn the tide. Armagh have made a splendid comeback from that losing start against Wexford at the beginning of the year and defeat doesn't appear to be part of their vocabulary at the moment. They should be well armed to see off the challenge of Donegal once more having been taught so many salutary lessons on complacency. The speed and alertness of the new inclusions to the Armagh defence, the awesome strength of numbers around the middle third, the menacing presence of their two front men, Clarke and Mc Donnell and sheer physical power of delivery man John Mc Entee, augurs well for a semi-final place. Past triumphs can be made count for precious little in the Ulster Championship. Many have made Donegal this year's dark horses and one can understand why. If things start falling into place for Mc Eniff's charges and the rub of the green changes their way, nobody would doubt their ability to deliver. Armagh will be treating them with the utmost respect and whilst they can not afford the luxury of the wastage, so nonchalantly displayed against Fermanagh, they have leaders all over the field, which basically championship football is all about.

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Four 'First Round' Wins for Armagh

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

Seventy-eight years ago Armagh and Donegal met in the first round of the Ulster Senior Football Championship at the Athletic Grounds in Armagh city on the 22nd May 1927. The home side was captained by the mighty Gene Hanratty who played at corner back. He was well supported in defence by John Vallely in the other corner, Joe Harney at centre-half and Harry Cumiskey on the wing. Poppy Fearon and John McCusker had the better of the midfield exchanges all through, with the latter also sending over three fine points during the hour. John Donaghy proved an excellent leader of the attack and got great support from Jack McCreesh and Francie Toner. Armagh led at the break by 0-3 to 0-1 and their eight points came from John McCusker (3), Francie Toner (2), J. Dorris (2) and John Donaghy (1).

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

Armagh then defeated Antrim in the semi-final but lost to Monaghan in the Final.

1982:- Armagh 1-11, Donegal 0-13.

Armagh and Donegal met in the opening round of the 1982 SF Championship at Ballybofey on Sunday 30th May. Mickey McDonald was the star for Armagh on the day and scored 1-1 of his side's total. At half time it was Donegal 0-9, Armagh 1-6, and the Armagh scores came from:- M. McDonald (1-1), J. Corvan (0-4), P. Moriarty (0-2), J. Kernan (0-2), D. Dowling (0-1) and B. Hughes (0-1).

Armagh lined out:- B. McAlinden, S. Gordon, Jim McKerr, J. Murphy, Denis Stevenson, Pat Moriarty, Peter Rafferty, Fran McMahon, Colm McKinstrey, B. McKeown, Joe Kernan, D. Dowling, John Corvan, B. Hughes and M. McDonald. Subs used:- S. Devlin and P. Loughran.

1988:- Armagh 2-10, Donegal 0-8.

Armagh overcame Fermanagh (2-12 to 1-13) in the preliminary round of the 1988 Championship and then had home advantage in the first round proper, meeting Donegal at the Athletic Grounds on Sunday 12th June, exactly seventeen years ago today. On a scorching hot day, the intense heat took its toll of several players from both sides during the hour.

Armagh lined out:- Fergal Harney, J. Donnelly, J. Grimley, A. Shortt, Brian Canavan, Kieran McNally, Peter Rafferty, K. McQuirk, Martin McQuillan, D. Canavan, Colin Harney, Niall Smyth, J. Cunningham, Ger Houlihan and J. McConville. Subs used:- M. Toye, M. Grimley and D. Dowling.

1999:- Armagh 2-11, Donegal 0-12.

The first round of the 1999 Championship at Ballybofey on Sunday 6th June ended all square on a final score-line of Armagh 1-12, Donegal 2-9. The replay took place at Clones the following Sunday, 13th June, but this time Armagh proved superior and won a semi-final spot with a 2-11 to 0-12 victory. 'Man of the Match' was Andrew McCann, and at half time it was Donegal 0-7, Armagh 0-4. The Armagh scorers were:- C. O'Rourke (1-1), D. Marsden (1-0), J. McEntee (0-3), P. McKeever (0-2), O. McConville (0-2), A. McCann (0-1), P. McGrane (0-1) and A. O'Neill (0-1).

Armagh lined out:- Benny Tierney, Enda McNulty, Ger Reid, J. McNulty, Kieran Hughes, Kieran McGeeney, Andrew McCann, Jarlath Burns, Paul McGrane, Alan O'Neill, J. McEntee, J. Rafferty, D. Wilson, Paddy McKeever and Oisín McConville. Subs used:- P. Loughran, D. Marsden and C. O'Rourke.

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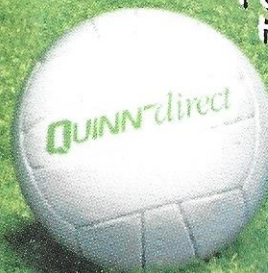
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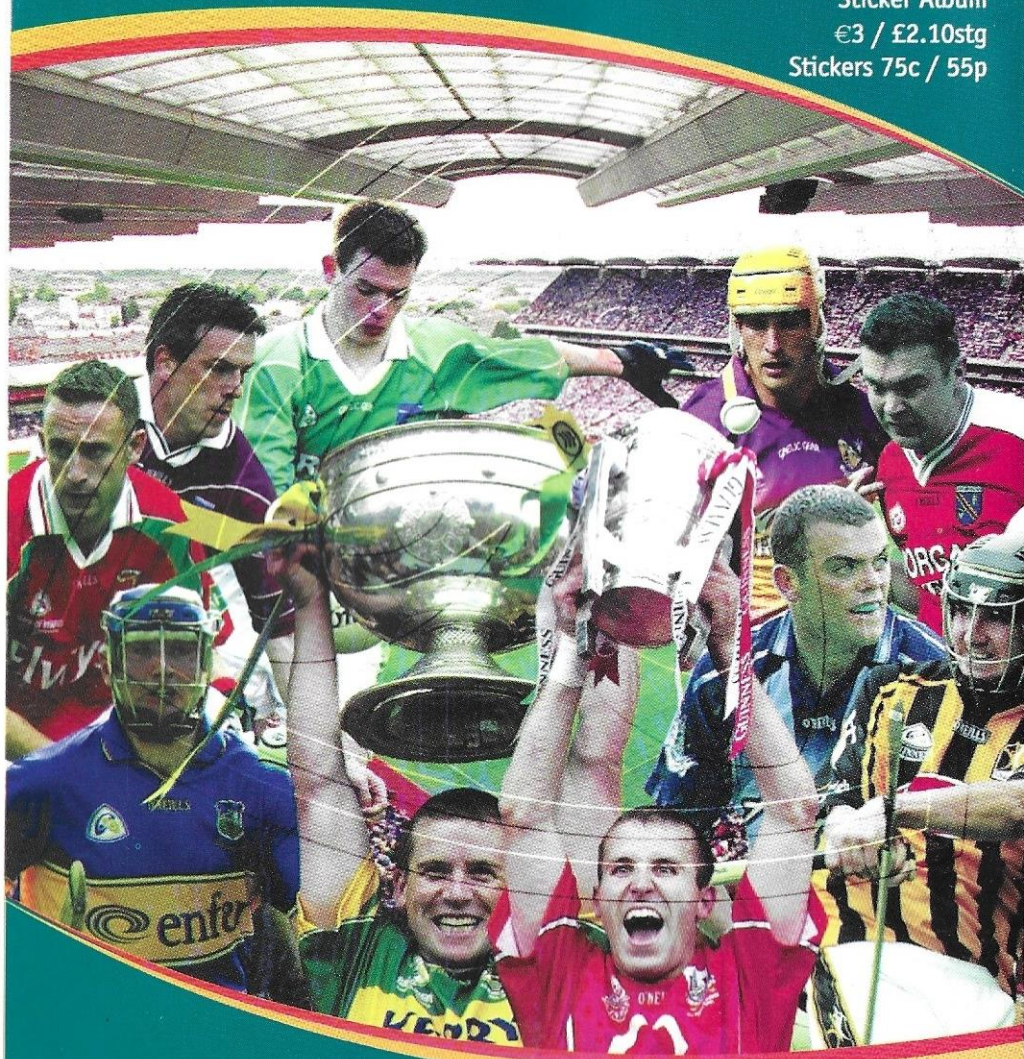
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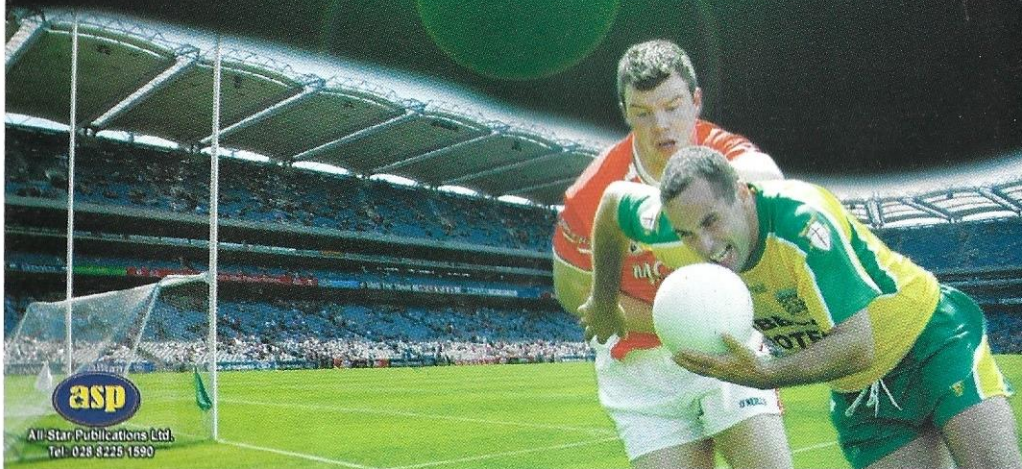
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A Semi-Final and Two Final Wins for Armagh

1949:- Armagh 0-14, Donegal 1-4.

Armagh opened their 1949 account with a 3-6 to 1-8 victory over Monaghan, while Donegal also crossed the first hurdle safely with a 2-6 to 0-8 win over Down. The sides then met in the semi-final at Dungannon on Sunday 3rd July 1949. The team selection was based on the highly successful Junior team of the previous year that had taken the Ulster title, but lost to Dublin the All-Ireland JFC 'home' Final at Croke Park on 3rd October 1948. John McCarron and Bill McCorry, at midfield, were the mainstays of a fine young side and they were very much in command right through, deservedly ending up winners on a score-line of 0-14 to 1-7. At half time they had led by 0-5 to 0-2.

Armagh lined out:- W.McVeigh, G.McStay, H.Hanlon, P.McGleenan, E.Morgan, P.O'Neill, Sean Quinn, John McCarron, Bill McCorry, Gerry O'Neill, Mal McAvoy, Art O'Hagan, P.McKeown, F.Feighan and J.McAlinden.

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

Both these counties reached the Ulster Final of 2002 and crossed swords at Clones on Sunday 7th July. Armagh had overcome Tyrone (2-13 to 0-16) at Clones in the opening round and Fermanagh (0-16 to 1-5) in the semi-final, also at Clones. It turned out to be a real memorable game, with Armagh taking their third title in four years. Armagh were captained by Kieran McGeeney and they led at the half way stage by 1-6 to 0-6. Scorers for Armagh were:- Oisín McConville (0-5), John McEntee (1-1), Steven McDonnell (0-3), Ronan Clarke (0-3), Aidan O'Rourke (0-1) and Diarmuid Marsden (0-1).

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

2004:- Armagh 3-15, Donegal 0-11.

Who will ever forget the amazing Ulster Final of only last year. Armagh and Donegal met at Croke Park on Sunday 11th July 2004 and served up a classic display of Gaelic Football that attracted 70,000 spectators, who thrilled with every kick of the game. It was the sixth Ulster Final to be played outside the province and there had been much controversy preceding the game over the Ulster Council's decision to stage their Final showpiece at GAA Headquarters, but their courage was justified in every aspect.

At half-time Armagh held a lead of 1-9 to 0-4 and really showed their class during the second period, going on the record a well deserved 3-15 to 0-11 victory. Their scorers were:- P.McKeever (1-3), O.McConville (1-3), D.Marsden (1-2), T.McEntee (0-2), S.McDonnell (0-2), P.Loughran, R.Clarke and B.Mallon (0-1 each).

Armagh lined out:- Paul Hearty, Enda McNulty, Francie Bellew, Andy Mallon, Kieran Hughes, Kieran McGeeney (captain), Aidan O'Rourke, Phillip Loughran, Paul McGrane, Paddy McKeever, Tony McEntee, Oisín McConville, Steven McDonnell, Ronan Clarke and Diarmuid Marsden. Subs used:- Brian Mallon, John Toal, Justin McNulty, John McEntee and Andrew McCann.

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DOB: 5/10/82, Club: Pearse Og, Height: 6ft 3in, Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Student

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DOB: 16/12/83, Club: Crossmaglen, Height: 6ft, Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Sales Rep

STEPHEN KERNAN

DOB: 15/1/83, Club: Crossmaglen, Height: 6ft, Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Student

PHILIP LOUGHRAN

DOB: 12/1/80, Club: Clady, Height: 6ft 4in, Weight: 13st, Occupation: Student

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DOB: 29/1/74, Club: St. Mary's Lexlip, Height: 6ft 1in, Weight: 13st, Occupation: Engineer

OISIN McCONVILLE

DOB: 13/10/75, Club: Crossmaglen, Height: 6ft, Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Publican

PAUL McCORMACK

DOB: 8/7/79, Club: Keady, Height: 5ft 11in, Weight: 13st, Occupation: Teacher

STEVEN McDONNELL

DOB: 13/7/79, Club: Killeavey, Height: 6ft, Weight: 12st, Occupation: Picture Framer

KEVIN McELVANNA

DOB: 28/9/79, Club: Madden, Height: 5ft 9in, Weight: 12st, Occupation: Doctor

JOHN McENTEE

DOB: 30/6/77, Club: Crossmaglen, Height: 6ft, Weight: 14st, Occupation: Occup. Therapist

TONY McENTEE

DOB: 30/6/77, Club: Crossmaglen, Height: 6ft, Weight: 14st, Occupation: Cardiac Officer

KIERAN McGEENEY

DOB: 18/10/71, Club: Na Fianna, Height: 6ft, Weight: 14st, Occupation: Sports Officer

PAUL McGRANE

DOB: 7/9/74, Club: Ballyhegan, Height: 6ft 2in, Weight: 14st, Occupation: Accountant

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CIARAN McKEEVER

DOB: 25/6/83, Club: St. Patricks, Height: 6ft 1in, Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Coaching Officer

PADDY McKEEVER

DOB: 16/11/79, Club: Ballyhegan, Height: 5ft 11in, Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Sales Rep

CIARAN McKINNEY

DOB: 2/11/81, Club: Pearse Og, Height: 5ft 11in, Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Teacher

ENDA McNULTY

DOB: 19/8/76, Club: Na Fianna, Height: 5ft 10in, Weight: 10.5st, Occupation: Coaching Officer

JUSTIN McNULTY

DOB: 15/11/74, Club: Na Fianna, Height: 6ft, Weight: 14.5st, Occupation: Civil Engineer

MALACHY MACKIN

DOB: 1/9/83, Club: St. Patricks, Height: 6ft 2in, Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Student

ANDY MALLON

DOB: 21/3/83, Club: Pearse Og, Height: 6ft 1in, Weight: 11st, Occupation: Electrician

BRIAN MALLON

DOB: 21/09/83, Club: Tir na Nóg, Height: 5ft 9in, Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Student

AIDAN O'ROURKE

DOB: 9/2/76, Club: Dromintee, Height: 5ft 11in, Weight: 13st, Occupation: Engineer

MARTIN O'ROURKE

DOB: 15/5/80, Club: Dromintee, Height: 5ft 10in, Weight: 12st, Occupation: Teacher

JOHN TOAL

DOB: 15/12/78, Club: Keady, Height: 6ft 2in, Weight: 13st, Occupation: Quantity Surveyor

PAUL WATTERS

DOB: 4/2/79, Club: Killeavey, Height: 6ft, Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Electrician

PAUL DUFFY

DOB: 16/8/83, Club: Pearse Og, Height: 5ft 9in, Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Sign Maker

GREG LOUGHRAN

Club: Pearse Og

GARETH SWIFT

DOB: 8/4/85, Club: Harps, Height: 6ft 2in, Weight: 12.5st, Occupation: Bricklayer

PAUL KEENAN

DOB: 3/12/84, Club: Carrickcruppin, Height: 6ft 3in, Weight: 13st, Occupation: Student

FAMILIARITY WON'T BREED CONTEMPT

by Micheal McGeary - Sunday Life

There is no danger of familiarity breeding contempt as far as the footballers of Armagh and Donegal are concerned. It seems over the last few seasons that there's no separating them once the championship comes around. Only last season they met in the Ulster final in Croke Park of all places while 12 months earlier, they again crossed swords in Croke Park this time in the All Ireland semi final.

Donegal fans have grown tired of their team's ability to blow hot and cold, world beaters one day, also rans the next. Just which Donegal side will turn up this afternoon, the one that beat both Kerry and Cork or the one that lost to everyone else in Division One A in the spring. Last season was a case in point. They turned on the style to beat old adversaries Tyrone only to be found out in the Anglo Celt decider in Croke Park.

Losing to Fermanagh in the All Ireland qualifiers on a wet, dismal Saturday afternoon in Clones and having Brendan Devenney sent off all made for an inglorious and best forgotten championship exit. But often the darkest hour is before dawn and the hope from a Donegal perspective is that they can defy friend and foe alike with a memorable and uplifting performance.

At least the pressure is off and they won't be weighed down by the weight of expectation, something Armagh have had to live with in recent times. Under manager Joe Kernan the Orchard County have only lost three of 20 championship outings Monaghan, Tyrone and Fermanagh. The Fermanagh defeat in last season's All Ireland quarter final in Croke Park and the manner of it was a bitter pill to swallow especially at a time when they were being touted in some quarters as potential All Ireland champions. The harsh reality is that they took their eye off the ball and Fermanagh made them pay a heavy price.

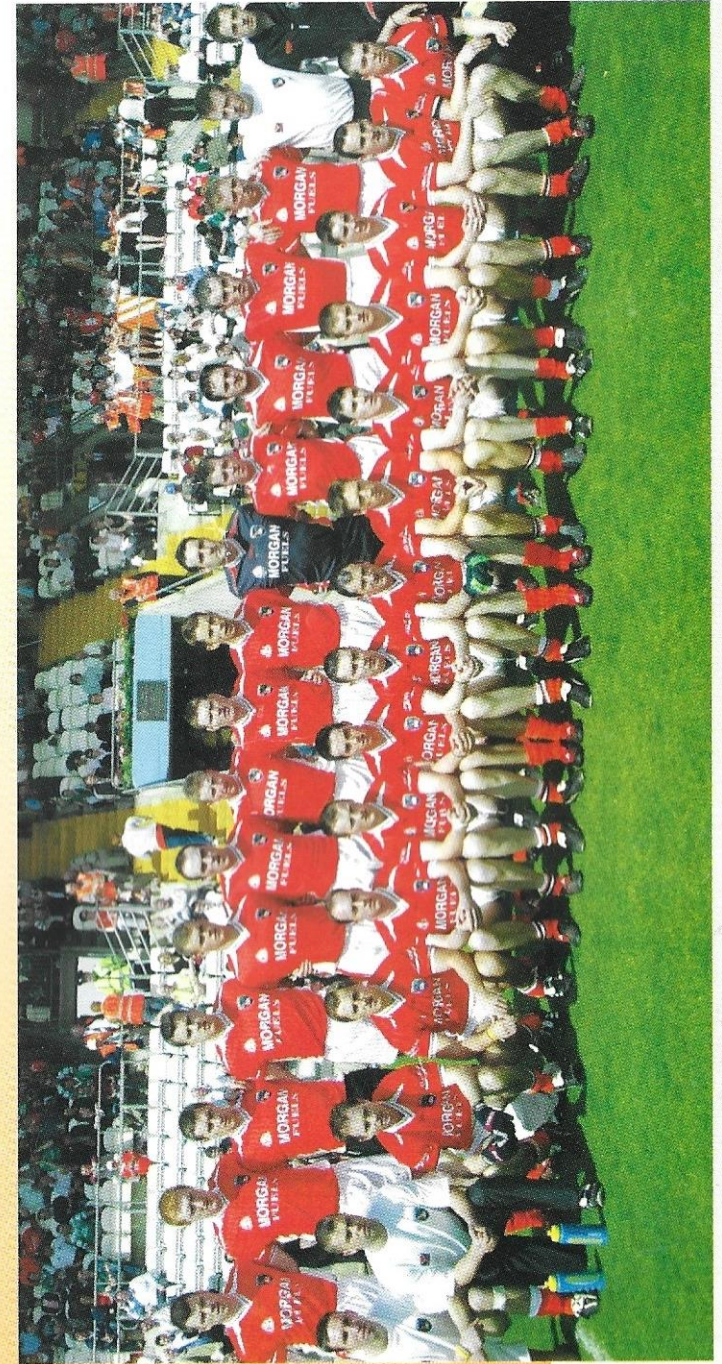
Suitably chastened they have regrouped and are now more focused than ever before, but it's too easy to forget that they are a side in transition. Against Fermanagh last month Paul McCormack,

Ciaran McKeever, Aaron Kernan and Brian Mallon were all making championship starts. Joe Kernan's men

will start favourites but remember Donegal have been involved in draws or extra time in each of their last four championships.



ARMAGH SENIOR TEAM
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ARD MHACHA V DÚN na nGALL



ARD MHACHA

Fir Ionaid

senior lineout

- 16. A. N. Other
- 17. Enda McNulty
Na Fianna
- 18. Kevin McElvanna
Madden
- 19. Andrew McCann
Lexilip
- 20. Tony McEntee
Crossmaglen
- 21. Aidan O'Rourke
Dromintee
- 22. Philip Loughran
Clady
- 23. Patrick McKeever
Ballyhegan
- 24. Malachy Mackin
St. Patrick's
- 25. Paul Duffy
Pearse Og
- 26. John Paul Donnelly
Harps
- 27. Stephen Kernan
Crossmaglen
- 28. Gregory Loughran
Pearse Og
- 29. Gareth Swift
Harps
- 30. Paul Watters
Killeavey

1
P Ó hAghartaigh
Paul Hearty
Crossmaglen

2
A O Mealláin
Andy Mallon
Pearse Og

3
P Ó Beillíú
Francie Bellew
Crossmaglen

4
P Mac Cormac
Paul McCormack
Keady

5
A O Ciarnán
Aaron Kernan
Crossmaglen

6
C Mac Geibheannaigh
Kieran McGeeney
Na Fianna

7
C Mac Iomhair
Ciaran McKeever
St Patrick's

8
S O Tuathail
John Toal
Keady

9
P Mag Ráine
Paul McGrane
Ballyhegan

10
M Ó Ruairc
Martin O'Rourke
Dromintee

11
S Mac an tSaoi
John McEntee
Crossmaglen

12
O Mac Conmhaoil
Oisín McConville
Crossmaglen

13
S Mac Donáill
Steven McDonnell
Killeavey

14
R Ó Cléirigh
Ronan Clarke
Pearse Og

15
B O Mealláin
Brian Mallon
Tir Na nOg

ARD MHACHA	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor Ciceanna
1ADH LEATH					
2ADH LEATH					
IOMLÁN					

DÚN NA NGALL



Fir Ionaid

senior lineout

1
Michael O Baoill
Michael Boyle
An Tearmain

2
Eamon MacAoidh
Eamon McGee
Gaoth Dobhair

3
Reamain MacSuibhne
Raymond Sweeney
An Clochan Liath

4
Carol De Lasa
Na Ceithre Maistri
Karl Lacy

5
Damien O Duibhir
Damien Diver
Ard an Ratha

6
Barri O Muineachain Capt
Barry Monaghan
Na Ceithre Maistri

7
Sean MacGiolla Chearra
Shane Carr
Na Ceithre Maistri

8
Nial O Gallchoir
Neil Gallagher
Gleann Sulai

9
Caoimhin O Casaide
Kevin Cassidy
Gaoth Dobhair

10
Christoir O Tuathail
Christy Toye
Naomh Michael

11
Michael OhEigheartaigh
Michael Hegarty
Cill Chartha

12
Brian O Ropier
Brian Roper
Aodh Ruadh

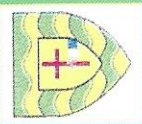
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Coilm MacPhaidin
Colm McFadden
Naomh Michael

14
Brendain O Duibheannaigh
Brendan Devenney
Naomh Adhamhain

15
Adrian MacSuibhne
Adrain Sweeney
An Clochan Liath

- 16. Paul Durcan
Na Ceithre Maistri
- 17. Barry Dunnion
Na Ceithre Maistri
- 18. Nial McCready
Aodh Ruadh
- 19. Neil McGee
Gaoth Dobhair
- 20. Stephen McDermot
Gleann Fhinne
- 21. Brendan Boyle
Ard an Ratha
- 22. Rory Kavanagh
Naomh Adhamhain
- 23. Conal Dunne
Naomh Adhamhain
- 24. Ryan Bradley
Buncranniagh
- 25. Eamon Reddin
Beart
- 26. Gavin Maguire
Naomh Naille
- 27. Michael Maguire
Naomh Columba
- 28. Conal Molloy
Na Cealla Beaga
- 29. Paddy McNulty
MacCumhailts
- 30. Stephen Cassidy
Gaoth Dobhair

DÚN NA NGALL	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor Ciceanna
1ADH LEATH					
2ADH LEATH					
IOMLÁN					



DONEGAL SENIOR TEAM

DONEGAL



ARD MHACHA V DÚN na nGALL

Stiff Examination for Student 'Keeper

By Michael Daly, Donegal Democrat/BBC Radio Ulster

On Wednesday last Leaving Certificate students in the south sat down for the first of two English papers. Among those taking the Leaving Certificate at St. Eunan's College in Letterkenny, sitting in a gym that converts into an exam hall, that would have helped him to perfect the strength and skills that ensured his graduation to the Donegal senior gaelic team, was 18-year-old Michael Boyle from Termon.

Today he gets a no doubt welcome break of sorts from the stress of examinations.

Today's test will be no less difficult than the prose and poetry that had to be dissected mid week. Everyone in Donegal hopes Michael does well in his examinations - they continue tomorrow and let's hope he avoids injury today - but Donegal supporters know he'll have to get an A+ here in Clones if Donegal is to have any chance of passing this Armagh test. Boyle, much like Niall Tinney for Fermanagh last year, has gained selection at the expense of others, in particular Paul Durcan, who has picked up an injury. However, as has been the case in all the great Donegal teams, there has always been a good goalkeeper and a sub keeper who was almost, if not as good.

In 1992 a very young Paul Callaghan had to give sway to the vastly experienced -- but not that old -- Gary Walsh, but Callaghan proved himself an able deputy when called upon and, as the years rolled on, he assumed the senior keeping duties. It was much the same for Walsh who kept the bench warm while Noel McCole among others played the main role. It would seem that the modern game is the place for young players to be, Meath last week happy to start a 19-year-old at full back and Donegal giving a championship debut at midfield to Glenswilly's Neil Gallagher. While there is no substitute for experience, Boyle and Gallagher bring another intangible to the mix - young players don't have the baggage that losing often brings and their confident attitude should be a boon to the rest of the team.

Elsewhere there's a fresh enough look too with Niall McCready losing his race to be fit, Karl Lacey comes in at corner back. Up front however, more familiar names abound, Brendan Devenney is back, Brian Roper gets to do in the championship what was tried in the league - start at centre half forward. But, having lost last year by 13 points to Armagh, many Donegal supporters travel today in hope, not anticipation. Armagh in the league, Armagh already in the championship, suggest they mean serious business and for many the belief is this is an exam Donegal will struggle to pass.

DONEGAL



SENIOR PANEL

MICHAEL BOYLE

Club: Termon, Age: 17, Height: 6'0", Weight: 12.7st, Occupation: Student

NIALL MCCREADY

Club: Aodh Ruadh, Age: 29, Height: 5'10", Weight: 12st, Occupation: Electrician

RAYMOND SWEENEY

Club: Dungloe, Age: 27, Height: 6'0", Weight: 13.st, Occupation: Engineer

DAMIEN DIVER

Club: Ardara, Age: 30, Height: 5'10", Weight: 13.st, Occupation: Shop Manager

SHANE CARR

Club: Four Masters, Age 29, Height: 6'1", Weight: 14st, Occupation: Machine Driver

BARRY MONAGHAN

Club: Four Masters, Age 26, Height 6'1"m Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Tyre Salesman

KEVIN CASSIDY

Club: Gaoth Dobhair, Age 23, Height: 6'0", Weight: 13.7st, Occupation: Student

NEIL GALLAGHER

Club: Glenswilly, Age 21, Height: 6'3", Weight: 14.st, Occupation: Student

STEPHEN MCDERMOTT

Club: Glenfin, Age 23, Height: 6'1", Weight: 13st, Occupation: Construction

RORY KAVANAGH

Club: St Eunans, Age 22, Height : 6'1", Weight: 11.6st, Occupation: Student

MICHAEL HEGARTY

Club: Chill Charta, Age 26, Height: 5'11", Weight: 13.2st, Occupation: Sales Rep

RYAN BRADLEY

Club: Buncrana, Age 19, Height 5'11", Weight: 13.5st. Occupation: Plasterer

CHRISTY TOYE

Club: St Michaels, Age 22, Height: 6'2", Weight: 13.1st, Occupation: Student

COLM MCFADDEN

Club: St Michaels, Age 22, Height : 6'2", Weight: 13.2st, Occupation; Student

BRIAN ROPER

Club: Aodh Ruadh, Age 30, Height: 5'6", Weight: 10.9st, Occupation: Monumental

DONEGAL



SENIOR PANEL

PAUL DURCAN

Club: Four Masters, Age 21, Height: 6'5", Weight: 12.8st, Occupation: Student

BRENDAN DEVENNEY

Club: St Eunans, Age 29, Height 5'11", Weight: 13.3st, Occupation: Sales Rep

ADRIAN SWEENEY

Club: Dungloe, Age 28, Height: 5'10", Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Plumber

KARL LACEY

Club: Four Masters, Age 21, Height: 5'9", Weight: 11st, Occupation: Student

EAMON MCGEE

Club: Gaoth Dobhair, Age 20, Height :6'3", Weight: 13.5st, Occupation: Student

EAMON REDDIN

Club: Burt, Age 27, Height: 5'11", Weight: 12.3st, Occupation: Student

CONAL DUNNE

Club: St Eunans, Age 22, Height: 6'1", Weight: 12.9st, Occupation: Accountant

NIALL MCGEE

Club: Gaoth Dobhair Age 19, Height: 6'2", Weight: 14.5st, Occupation: Student

BARRY DUNNION

Club: Four Masters, Age 21, Height: 5'7", Weight: 11st, Occupation: Student

PADDY MCNULTY

Club: MacCumhailles, Age 23, Height: 6'3", Weight: 14.4st. Occupation: Painter/

MICHAEL MAGUIRE

Club: Naomh Columba, Age 21, Height: 5'10", Weight 12.7st, Occupation: Bricklayer

GAVIN MAGUIRE

Club: St Nailles, Age 25, Height 5'11", Weight 12.9st, Occupation: Construction

BRENDAN BOYLE

Club: Ardara, Age 23, Height: 6'1", Weight: 13.9st, Occupation: Engineer

STEPHEN CASSIDY

Club: Gaoth Dobhair, Age 30, Height: 6'0", Weight: 14.5st, Occupation: Sales Rep.

CONAL MOLLOY

Club: Killybegs, Age 20 Height: 6'0", Weight: 14.5st, Occupation: Student

All the Hallmarks of a Great Game

By Orla Bannon - Daily Mirror

Imagine buying a winning lottery ticket but it gets ripped up before your very eyes - and it happens three times. Well that must be the sickening feeling Donegal have about Armagh these days.

They have bought the ticket and got themselves into the position to win silverware in 2002, 2003 and 2004 - only to have the burly frame of Armagh standing in the doorway blocking their breakthrough. Joe Kernan's side have triumphed over the green and gold in two Ulster senior football finals in the past three years not to mention an All-Ireland semi-final sandwiched in between.

Safe to assume then that Donegal owe them one. Revenge may be on their minds but as we saw a few weeks ago when Down took on Tyrone, just because you've lost to a team a few times doesn't give you an automatic right to turn the tables. You have to earn that right and the thousands who flock into St Tiernach's Park today will be curious to see if Donegal are finally ready - physically and more importantly mentally - to beat their nemesis.

More than anything this Donegal team owe a big performance to themselves and Donegal people everywhere after what happened last year. The younger members of the squad sure like to party but some of the late night antics were over the top - not something you'd ever catch Geezer and the boys doing for fear of a knuckle sandwich from Francie. The 'sinners' will be forgiven though if they can beat the 'saints' today. There's no doubt they have the talent but they must be one of the most unpredictable teams in the country. When it goes wrong, it goes very very wrong - as we saw in last year's memorable Ulster final at Croke Park.

When they click they can beat anyone on their day as they proved last year dumping the then All-Ireland champions Tyrone out of the Ulster semi-final. This year they've already taken the scalp of reigning kingpins Kerry and although the league campaign ended disappointingly with relegation, most of those games against high class opposition in division 1A were lost by the narrowest of margins.

Armagh, who romped to the Allianz league title and followed it up with a comfortable win over Fermanagh in the preliminary round, are acutely aware of the threat Brian McEniff's team pose and they are approaching this game very seriously. That's a pity for Donegal because Armagh have only looked vulnerable in the last couple of years when they've underestimated opposition (Monaghan and Fermanagh spring to mind).

It has all the hallmarks of being a great game this afternoon and could well turn out to be the best game in the Ulster championship to date. Their last two meetings have been at Croke Park so will Clones bring a different outcome?

Today we will find out.



Bellal Yaqub is a member of the Pakistani community; until he started a BBC placement he knew nothing about Gaelic football. Now he attends all the Ulster matches weekly doing radio interviews. Ulster PRO Martin Mc Aviney met with Bellal and asked him to write about his experience at our games

GAELIC FOOTBALL : AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW

If Maradona ever played Gaelic football, he would never have been called a cheat by English football fans. His well disguised fist into the back of the net was straight out of the Gaelic locker. How he tore apart England's defence for his second goal will forever mystify me. But coming from a Pakistani background as I do, the game of Gaelic football seemed a far greater mystery. Until a few weeks ago - I knew nothing about it. But now I'm three weeks on, in my BBC placement, surely sufficient time for me to comment on my expert views.

First, the things I can't get over. The four steps and then pass rule. I still don't see the logic of this, for me it takes away from the individual player talents. However, it does encourage a passing game. Besides, each referee must have a different definition of "four" as they apply this rule liberally which riles the fans. Secondly, why not use your feet more often? Try repeating Maradona's dribble. I'm sure the five-step rule doesn't apply here, so go for it. Finally, why are there no transfers? It takes the fun out of speculation but at least the fans don't get sleepless nights during the off-season.

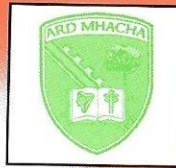
Now for what I like. In the Tyrone - Down game I noticed that for the second successive match a minutes silence was held. In football matches a minutes silence is usually for high-profile names but in Gaelic football, anyone involved in the game and community would be remembered well. I found this a welcome touch. Another nice find, was the mingling of the crowds - none of the hostility I had seen in football crowds. Fans sat together, amongst each other, proudly declaring the county that fate had them born in.

There were a lot more women attending the games too, even bringing their children along. It gave the games I attended a warm family feel - something sadly lacking in the male-dominated football crowds.

The supporters appreciate the players - they are heroes more than celebrities. Chances are if you live in their county you can pop in and see them at work. It's refreshing to see a sport where the athletes are not detached from their fan base. These fans have the right attitude during the game too. They rarely boo the players. Those players I have seen carded so far weren't singled out for personal abuse when they retained the ball. Words between players ended quickly with no hint of revenge. There is little animosity, nor is there gloating in scoring a goal in front of opposition fans. But no matter what game you see one thing never changes, the abuse the ref gets. Some people are born unlucky! There are other officials too.

Gaelic football is one step ahead of football's goal-line technology debate with TWO linesmen on either side of the sticks. What a great idea, we could perhaps have solved the Liverpool Chelsea goal fiasco with this rule. During the game, the referee makes decisions and uses hand gestures to explain them to the players and supporters. I can't understand these yet, but it's certainly a change from seeing the crowd making gestures at the ref. Overall, a Gaelic football game is a very good family day out and I look forward to introducing some Pakistani friends to appreciate the things I have seen so far.





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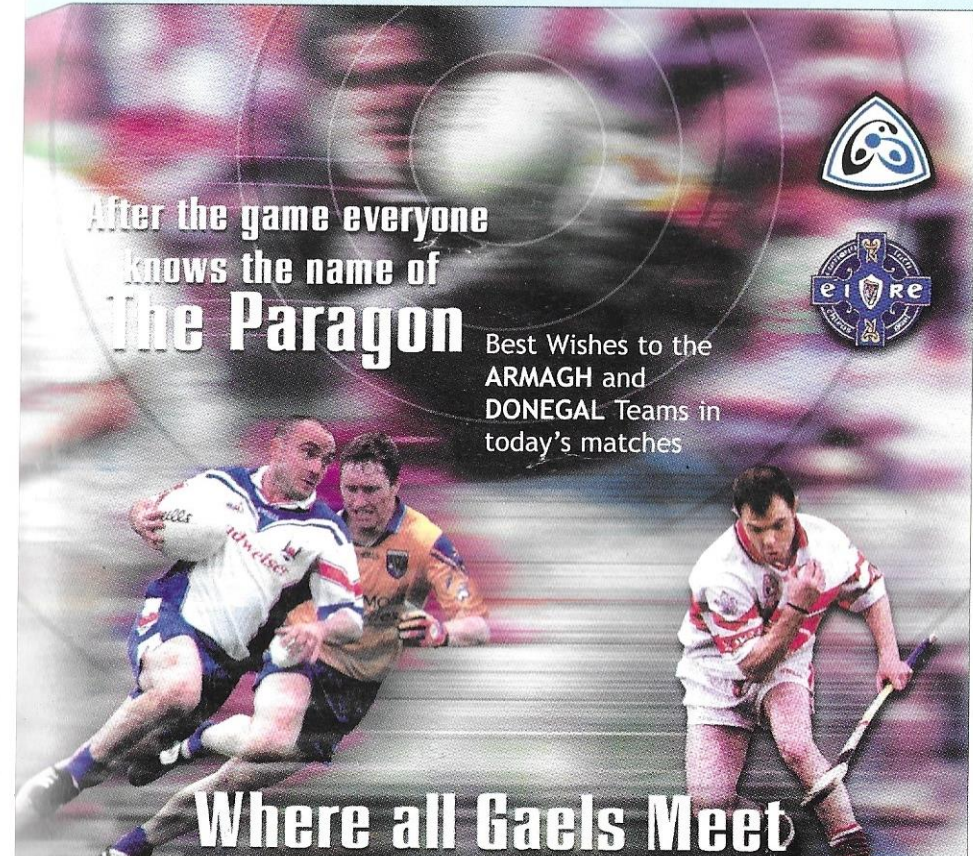
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<i>Callanbridge</i>	<i>19-22</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Eire Og</i>	<i>19-22</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Cullyhanna</i>	<i>26-29</i>	<i>July</i>
<i>Crossmaghlen</i>	<i>02-05</i>	<i>August</i>
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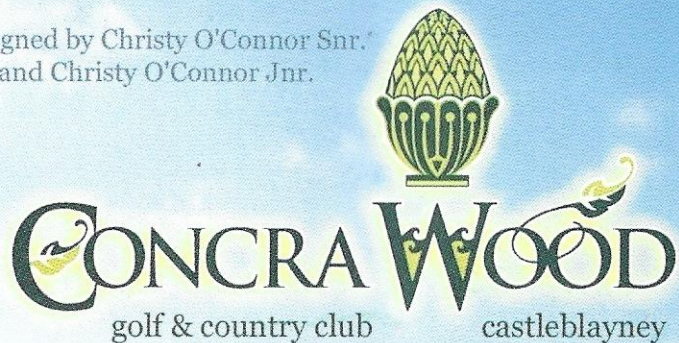
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Donegal's Changing Selections

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1925:- (SFC v Fermanagh):- T.Gallagher, P.Hannigan, B.Whelan, C.McDyer (capt), M.McGroarty, P.Warnock, J.Gallagher, D.Byrne, G.Aherne, P.Dempsey, J.Rooney, P.Doyle, C.Sharkey, T.Williams and J.Carey. Result:- Donegal 3-6, Fermanagh 0-1.

1935:- (SFC v Cavan):- J.McDermott, D.Gallagher, J.O'Donnell, C.Rutherford, G.McManus, JP McGinley, J.Brown, J.Boyce, J.Doyle, C.McLoughlin, N.Magee, H.McNulty, A.Brady, B.Winston and H.Gallagher. At half-time it was Cavan 0-10, Donegal 0-5. Result- Cavan 1-11, Donegal 1-9. Mid-summer, but cold and windy.

1945:- (SFC panel v Derry):- C.Campbell, D.Brennan, Ml. Melly, Mick Gallen, Hughie Gallagher, T.Doherty, F.White, H.McGovern, G.McGill, Joe Doyle, Jack Gallagher, PJ Goane, JJ Brady, D.Gillespie, J.Kelly, J.McGlynn, J.McGranaghan, D.Boyle, M.Blake, V.McHugh and Seán Gallagher. Result:- Donegal 3-7, Derry 2-3.

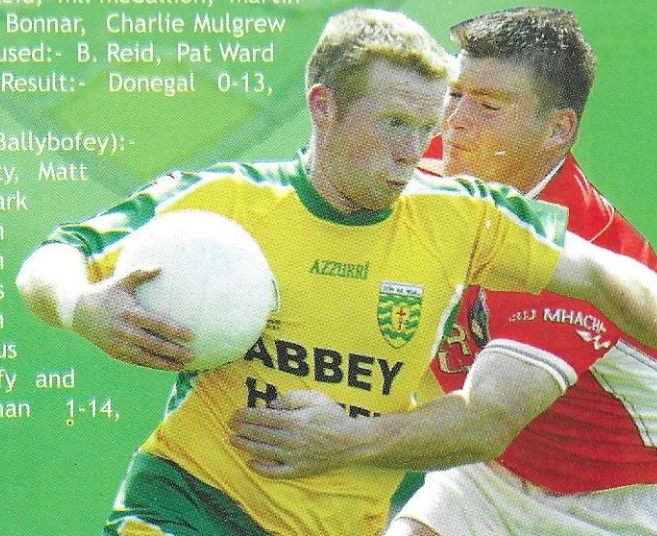
1955:- (SFC v Monaghan):- S.Hoare, P.Brogan, C.Toland, B.Coyle, D.Hegarty, J.McDermott, P.McGeehan, Frankie Brennan, W.Cunningham, S.O'Donnell, H.Boyle, S.McCormack, A.Briody, 'Cookie' Boyle and D.Murray. At half time it was:- Monaghan 0-6, Donegal 0-3. Result:- Donegal 3-8, Monaghan 2-8.

1965:- (SFC, 2nd replay, v Cavan at Cavan, 12th July):- S.Hoare, JD McMenamin, B.Brady, P.Kelly, S.O'Donnell, PJ Flood, J.Hannigan, S.Ferriter, E.Gallagher, D.Houlihan, M.Griffin, D.O'Carroll, M.McLoone, P.McShea and T.McDermott. Subs used:- D.Thomas and F.McFeely. Result:- Cavan 0-9, Donegal 0-8.

1975:- (Dr. McKenna Cup Final v Derry):- Noel McCole, Donal Monaghan, Pauric McShea, Andy Curran, Brendan Dunleavy, Anthony Gallagher, Finian Ward, Martin Griffin, Seamus Bonner, Hugh McClafferty, Martin Carney, Ml. Carr, Phil Kelly, Brian McEniff and Seamie Granaghan. Subs use:- Sean McGinley and Damien Judge. Result:- Donegal 0-14, Derry 2-7.

1985:- (Dr. McKenna Cup Final v Cavan):- Gary Walsh, Brendan McCready, Sean Bonnar, Matt Gallagher, Eunan Gallagher, Paul Carr, Sylvester Maguire, Brian Murray, Donal Reid, Ml. McCallion, Martin McHugh, Marty Carlin, Declan Bonnar, Declan Mulgrew and Leslie McGettigan. Subs used:- B. Reid, Pat Ward and Michael Gallagher. Result:- Donegal 0-13, Cavan 0-8.

1995:- (SFC v Monaghan at Ballybofey):- Gary Walsh, John Joe O'Doherty, Matt Gallagher, Barry McGowan, Mark Crossan, Noel Hegarty, Martin Shovlin, Martin Gavigan, Brian Murray, Mark McShane, James McHugh, Paddy Hegarty, Declan Bonnar, Tony Boyle and Manus Boyle. Subs used:- John Duffy and John Gildea. Result: Monaghan 1-14, Donegal 0-8.





Cumann na mBunscoil



Ba mhaith le Cumann na mBunscoil Ard Mhaca buiochas a gabhail le Comhairle Uladh de bhri go dtugann said cead duinn cluiche bhunscoile a imirt ag leath am í gcluiche na sinsear.

With the school year rapidly coming to a close Cumann na mBunscoil Ard Mhaca can reflect on a successful year. Our activities begin in September with our annual 5-a-side blitz for all schools in the county. This blitz is held in three venues across the county on the Friday preceding the All-Ireland football final. The games are held in the spirit of participation through fun with the emphasis solely on enjoyment. Boys and girls come together to play in a blitz with the competitive edge removed. Our varied activities begin in earnest after this fun day.

This school year, 2004-2005, has seen an increase in the number of participating schools throughout the county. Malachy McGeeney's role in coordinating the numerous programmes has been arduous but our Coiste is indebted to Paul Kelly for his proactive support. Traditionally boys' football was the dominant activity in any given school year but Cumann na mBunscoil Ard Mhaca are delighted with the emergence of girls' football and the growing number of schools participating in hurling and camogie competitions, handball and rounders. We are presently finalising the summer hurling camp with Kilkenny Capt. Peter Barry. This camp, hosted by Annaghmore and sponsored by G & J Derry, will be open to all our primary school hurlers. GPO Ronan McWilliams whose enthusiasm and innovative coaching methods has enthused young hurlers throughout the county will ably assist Peter. Likewise, the Enda Kirk Memorial Tournament for schools who are developing hurling is showing an increasing number of entrants.

Girls' football is becoming most popular. We are delighted to have senior county star Aileen Matthews as part of our coaching team. Micky McLroy, Dessie Moore, Catherine McCabe and Maeve McAtamney assist Aileen. These coaches have been working throughout the year with three divisional squads and have succeeded in finalising a county squad to play at half time during Armagh's championship games. Thanks to all concerned. It was well worth the rain and hailstones during the many coaching sessions.

This year's finals have some unique pairings. For the first time ever the 15-a-side boys' final will be played between St. Patrick's Armagh and CBS Armagh. It promises to be an entertaining, close final. Congratulations to St. Patrick's Cullyhanna winners of the Camogie blitz held in Newtown. This tournament attracted schools from Monaghan as well as from Armagh. Foley Primary School were winners of The INTO Camogie sevens. CBS Armagh were winners of both boys' football and hurling in The INTO sevens competitions with the girls' football winners being St. Joseph's Bessbrook.

In 9-a-side competitions regional winners were St. Patrick's Aghacommon, Clonalg and St. Joseph's Madden. Camlough were 11-a-side winners in South Armagh whilst in the 7-a-side competitions regional winners were St. Colmcille's who await the winners of Anamar V St. Brigid's Drumilly.

Cumann na mBunscoil Ard Mhaca are privileged to have the services of inter-county referee Jimmy McKee, Principal of St. Oliver Plunkett's P.S. Jimmy willingly undertakes schools' games. Thanks once more to our teachers, parents, clubs and County Board officers whose support is ensuring the growth of Cumann na mBunscoil Ard Mhaca.

Our activities will end for the year with the promotion of mini-games throughout the county. We wish our senior team well today especially our young teachers Kieran McKinney and Paul McCormack. Both young men have been very active in our varied activities throughout the school year. It is our privilege to be involved in promoting our games throughout the county. Muna gcuireann tú san earrach ní bhainfidh tú san fhómhair.

Armagh Primary School Team - Contae Ard Mhacha Cumann na mBunscoil

16. Jack Rooney St. Mary's Granemore	2. Ciaran McArdle Dromintee Primary	3. Caolan O'Hagan St. Joseph's Poynztzpass	4. Conor Jackson St. John the Baptist Portadown
17. Richard Evans Our Lady's and St. Mochuas	5. Niall McConville St. Patrick's Aghacommon	6. Stefan Donaghy St. Brendan's Craigavon	7. Cormac Reel St. Brigids Glassdrummond
18. Aaron McCaughey St. Anthony's Craigavon	8. Conor Gallogly St. Mary's Mullaghbawn	9. Niall Grimley St. Joseph's Madden	
	10. Mark Feighan St. Joseph's Bessbrook	11. Tom Murphy Armagh CBS	12. Ethan Rafferty St. Colmcilles Grange
	13. Anthony Watters Clonalg Primary	14. Jonathan McAlinden St. Francis, Lurgan	15. Michael O'Neill Our Lady's Tullysaron

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

	1. Sean Fegan Gaelscoil na gCeithre Maistri Donegal Town		16. Michael Stapleton St. Mura's Tooban
2. Eamonn Travers, St. Catherine's N.S. Ballyshannon	3. John Rose St. Naul's N.S. Keelogs	4. Gary Mc Grath St. Eunan's N.S. Laghey	17. Deaglan O Harlaigh Scoil Oilibhear Pluincead Rann na Feirste
5. Patrick O'Donnell St. Patrick's N.S. Lurgybrack	6. Eugene Robb Scoil Cholmcille Newtoncunningham	7. David Mc Carron Scoil an Leinbh Iosa Carrigans	18. Christopher Cunningham Niall Mor N.S., Killybegs
	8. Kevin Lynch Scoil Mhuire Gan Smal Lifford	9. John Harley Scoil Fionnain Falcarragh	
10. Sean Black Scoil Mhuire Ramelton	11. Patrick Walsh Scoil Cholmcille Kerrykeel	12. Lee-Martin Carr Scoil Mhuire Creeslough	
13. Stephen Friel Scoil Naomh Treasa Tiernasligo	14. Ryan Mc Laughlin St. Patrick's B.N.S. Carndonagh	15. Kevin Treacy Scoil Iosagain Buncrana	

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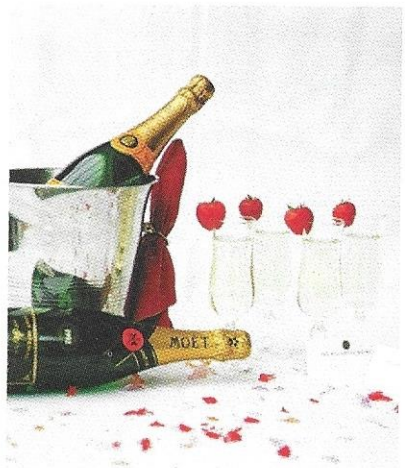


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Donegal Milestones ... by the decade

1935:- Lost to Cavan, 1-11 to 1-9, in the first round of the Senior Championship on 9th June at Bundoran. Drew with Monaghan, 2-11 to 3-8, in Dr. McKenna Cup at Bundoran, 19th May, but lost the replay, 3-8 to 2-8, at Enniskillen. For Donegal, 1935 was, unquestionably, the 'Year of the Minors' - they defeated Antrim, 7-6 to 0-12, in the semi-final, but lost the Final to Tyrone at Omagh, 2-2 to 2-1. Donegal, however, objected and the Ulster Council upheld their protest. Donegal then met Tipperary in the All-Ireland semi-final at Croke Park on Sunday 18th August 1935, but lost, 3-3 to 2-3, with this team:-

B. Harvey, J. Gallagher, G. McGill, D. Grimes, J. O'Donnell, B. McHugh, W. McCaffrey, D. O'Callaghan, M. Melly, J. Sharkey, P. J. Goane, T. Rooney, M. Bryce, J. Dunnion and L. McGinley. O'Donnell, McCaffrey, Bryce and McGinley had replaced J. Boyle, A. McBreaty, S. Stevin and P. Quinn from the Ulster Final team.

At half-time it was Tipperary 3-1, Donegal 1-3. This was probably the first Donegal team ever to play in Croke Park.

1945:- Defeated Derry, 3-7 to 2-3, in the first round at Letterkenny, but then lost to Cavan, 6-12 to 0-4, in the semi-final at Clones. Lost to Antrim, 1-6 to 1-5, in the Dr. McKenna Cup at Derry, while Juniors lost to Derry, 3-13 to 0-10, also at Derry. Did not take part in Minor Championship. Seniors defeated Derry, 0-11 to 1-6, in the Coiste na bPaisti Tournament at Derry and also lost a Tournament game to Fermanagh at Bundoran.

1955:- Defeated Monaghan, 3-8 to 2-8, in the opening round, but then lost narrowly to Cavan, 2-5 to 1-6, in the semi-final. Dr. McKenna Cup - Cavan 3-7, Donegal 1-6, at Ballybofey on 24th April. In JFC, Donegal (the holders) lost to Fermanagh, 0-6 to 0-5, at Irvinestown on 3rd April. Seniors defeated Tyrone, 1-9 to 1-5, in the Omagh Feis Tournament, but lost to Galway in Tournament, 1-9 to 0-5.

1965:- A year of titanic clashes with Cavan - drew, 1-8 each, in the first game at Ballybofey on 20th June; ended level again in the replay, 0-14 to 1-11, at Cavan on 4th July, but then lost the second replay, 0-9 to 0-8, at Breifne Park on 11th July, Seamus McMahon scoring the winning point for Cavan with practically the last kick of the game. Donegal won the Dr. McKenna Cup title when Cavan refused to travel for the Final. Seamus Hoare, Brendan Brady, Paul Kelly and Sean Ferriter won Railway Cup medals with Ulster.

1975:- Lost to Cavan, 0-15 to 0-13, in the first round. Brian McEniff was player-manager and Seamus Bonner was chosen as a 'replacement All-Star'. Donegal won the Dr. McKenna Cup, defeating Derry, 0-14 to 2-7, in the Final. St. Joseph's won the Ulster Club Championship, defeating Castleblayney in the Final.

1985:- Overcame Down, 2-12 to 2-8, in the preliminary round at Ballybofey, but then lost to Monaghan, 1-14 to 0-7, in the first round proper at Castleblayney. Donegal won the Dr. McKenna Cup again, with wins over Derry and Down and defeating Cavan, 0-13 to 0-8, in the Final. Brian McEniff was again Team Manager. Minors won the Ulster Championship with wins over Down, Monaghan and Armagh, and defeating Cavan, 2-11 to 1-3, in the Final - they also won the MFL. U-21s beat Armagh but lost to Tyrone. Juniors reached Ulster Final but lost to Armagh.

1995:- Defeated Down, 1-12 to 0-9, at Clones, then lost to Monaghan, 1-14 to 0-8, at Ballybofey. In McKenna Cup defeated Fermanagh but lost to Monaghan. U-21s won Ulster title defeating Down, Monaghan, Fermanagh and Cavan - lost to Kerry in All-Ireland semi-final at Tuam in August. Seniors reached NFL Final, only to lose to another Ulster team, Derry, in the Final. Minors lost to Down while Killybegs lost to Errigal Garra in Club Championship.

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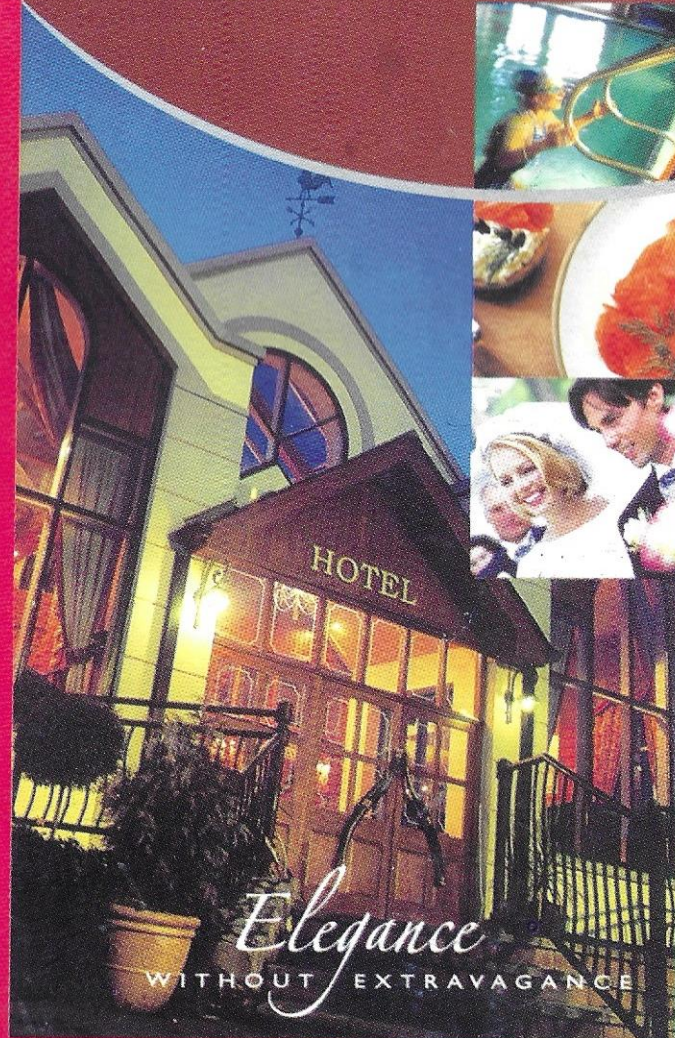
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