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# **Naomh Adhamhnán v Gaoth Dobhair**

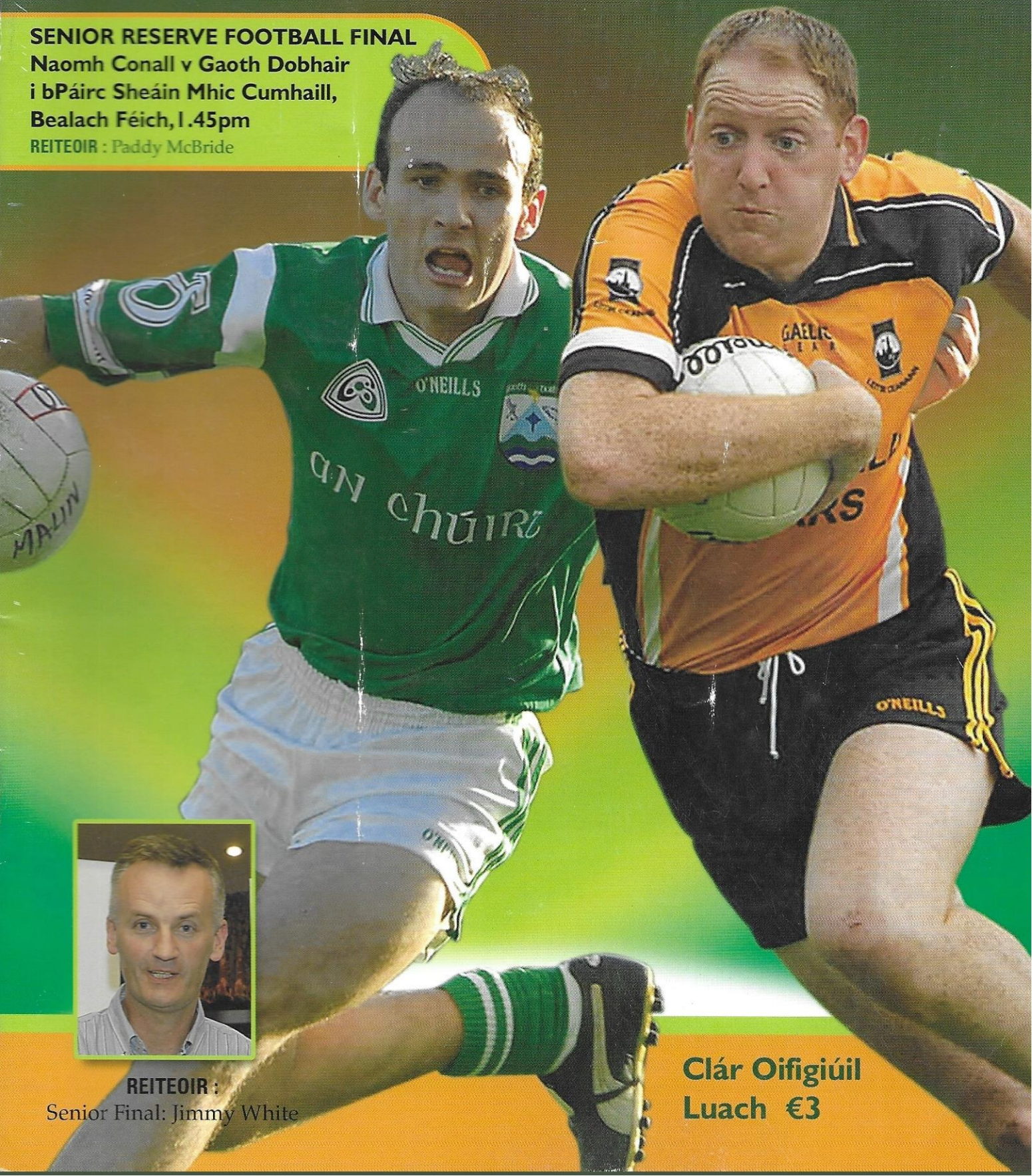
i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich.  
Dé Domhnaigh, 15 Deireadh Fómhair 2006, 4pm

**SENIOR RESERVE FOOTBALL FINAL**

**Naomh Conall v Gaoth Dobhair**

i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill,  
Bealach Féich, 1.45pm

REITEOIR : Paddy McBride



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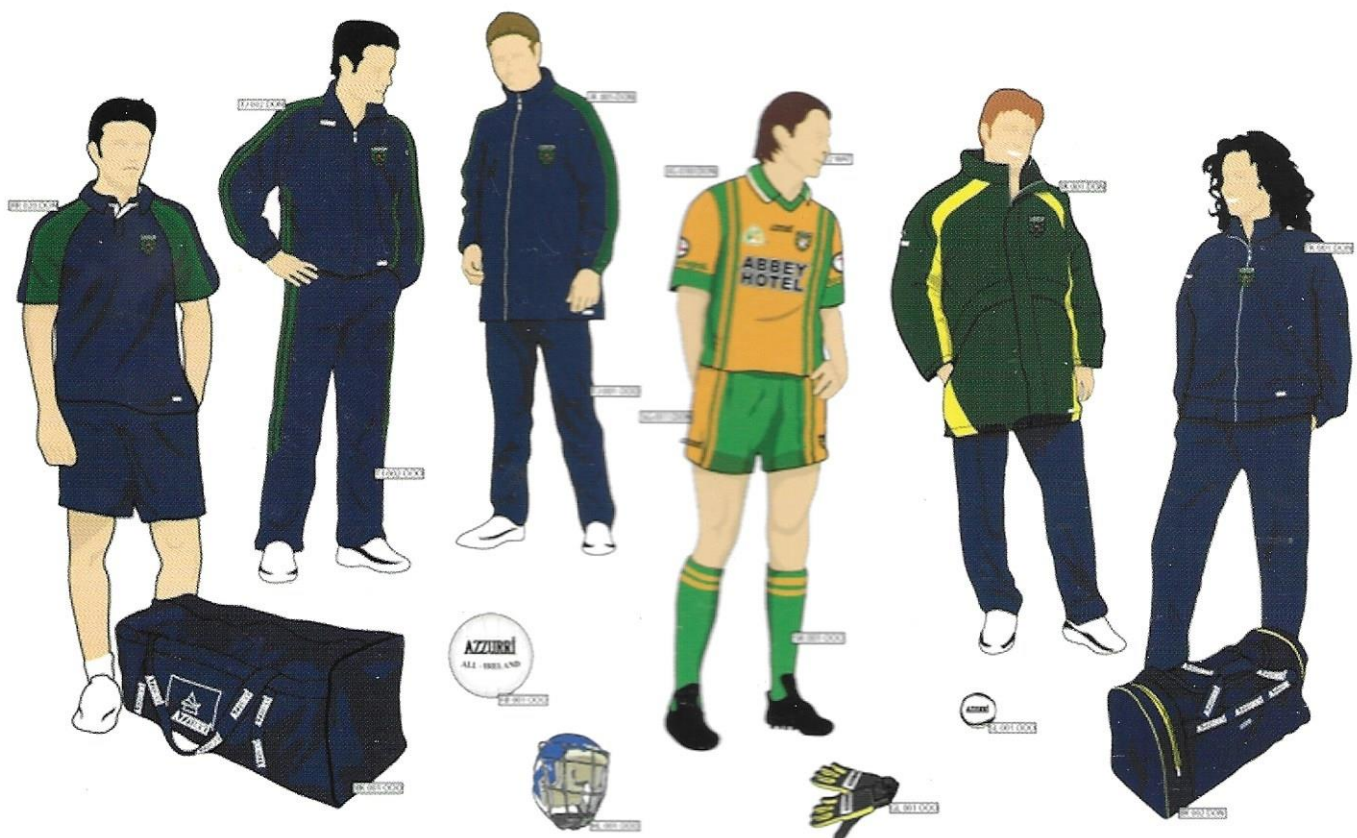
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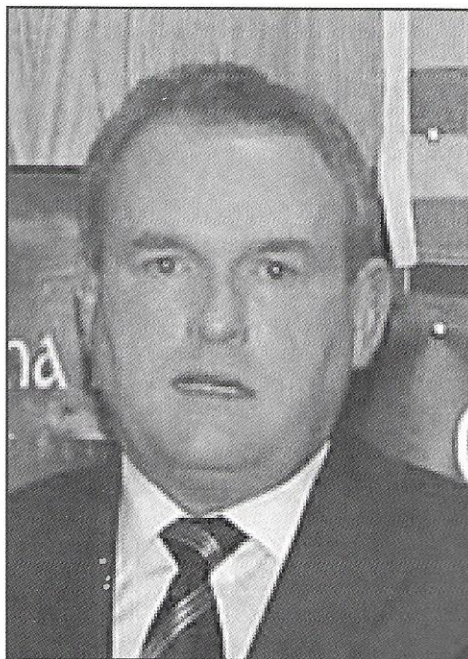
# Fáilte an Chathaoirligh

Mar Chathaoirleach ar Choiste Contae Dhún na nGall C.L.G is cúis mhór áthais dom fáilte a fhearadh romhaibh go léir cúig Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill i gcoir cluichí ceannais na Contae i Sinsear agus Soisear 2006.

In the Senior Final Naomh Adhamhnán meet Gaoth Dobhair. The Cathedral Town has won twelve titles if we include Láimh Dearg of 1905 and Ruagairí Leitir Ceannann of 1927, having contested twenty-four finals. Gaoth Dobhair has won thirteen titles having contested twenty finals. The most recent senior football final meeting between both teams was in 2002, which Gaoth Dobhair won by 1.11 to 0.10

Jimmy White, Na Cealla Beaga is the referee for this game and he brings a wealth of experience to his refereeing having refereed at national level over a number of years.

Ins an cluiche sinsear tacaíochta casann Gaoth Dobhair ar Naomh Conaill. Naomh Conaill will wish to add the senior reserve title to their senior win of last year but they will meet a strong challenge from this youthful Gaoth Dobhair team. This should prove to be a great contest under the watchful eye of referee Paddy Mc Bride, Na Dunaibh.



Our special guests to-day are the Ard A'Ratha, Senior football champions of 1981. We welcome them back to Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill after twenty five years. Cuirfear iad in aithne daoibh ag leath-ama ins an cluiche sinsear.

We welcome also to-day The Ardaghy Pipe Band who will entertain you during the afternoon.

Tá me fíor-buíoch dó RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta, agus go hardaithe do Séamus Mac Geidigh, Bainisteoir Réigiúin an Tuaiscirt, as ucht urraíocht

a dhéanamh arís i mbliana ar comórtas na Craobha Sinsear agus go mbeidh RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta ag leanúint leis an urraíocht ar feadh trí bliana eile.

Floodlighting will be installed in the early months of 2007 in Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill and considerable improvements are planned over the next few years. This project is one of a number of modernisation projects throughout Ulster, which will see Comhairle Uladh invest in the region of €11m in various capital and coaching initiatives in Ulster.

My thanks to our Development Officer, Terence Mc Ginley together with the Officers and Ground Staff of Fó-Chumann Seán Mhic Cumhaill for having the pitch in such good condition to-day and indeed through the year.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh uilligh taitneamh agus pléisiúr as na cluichí atá a imirt anseo inniu agus go mbeidh lá iontach ag chuile dhuine agaibh.

Ádh Mór,

**Charlie O'Donnell,**  
Cathaoirleach,

Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall C.L.G.

## COISTE CHONTAE DHÚN NA nGALL CLÁR AN LAE

### COUNTY SENIOR AND RESERVE FINALS

#### Sunday 15th October

##### County Senior Final 4.00.pm.

##### County Reserve Final 1.45.pm.

<b>Senior:</b>	Naomh Adhamhnán v Gaoth Dobhair
<b>Reserve</b>	Naomh Conaill v Gaoth Dobhair
<b>1.27.pm.</b>	Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph
<b>1.30.pm.</b>	Gaoth Dobhair take the field and line up for team photograph
<b>1.45.pm</b>	2006 Reserve County Final
<b>3.00.pm.</b>	Captain of the winning team proceed to the presentation area for the presentation of the Reserve Trophy presented by Charlie Ó Dónaill
<b>3.10.pm.</b>	St Naul's Pipe Band

<b>3.15.pm.</b>	Introduction of the 1981 County Champions Ard an Rátha
<b>3.38.pm.</b>	Naomh Adhamhnán take the field and line up for team photograph
<b>3.40.pm.</b>	Gaoth Dobhair take the field and line up for team photograph
<b>3.50.pm.</b>	Both teams line up for parade
<b>3.58.pm.</b>	National Anthem
<b>4.00.pm.</b>	2006 RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta Donegal Senior Football Final
<b>Half Time</b>	Recognition of the 'Round Ireland Swim Team'
<b>5.30.pm.</b>	Captain of the winning team proceed to the presentation area for the presentation of the Dr Maguire Cup presented by Charlie Ó Dónaill Cathaoirleach Bord an Chontae.



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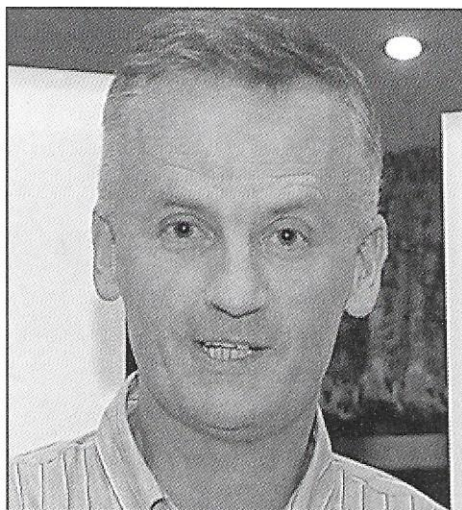


# Today's Referees

## Senior Final

Jimmy White (Killybegs)

A vastly experienced referee who takes charge of his fourth senior county final this year. His previous senior finals were in 1999, 2003 and the replay of 2005. Two of those matches incidentally involved one half of today's final, St Eunan's. Jimmy's profile extends beyond Co Donegal. At provincial level, he has refereed Ulster minor league and championship finals in 2000, the Ulster u-21 final of 2001 and the Ulster club final in 2003.



He has been taking charge of National League appointments since 2002 and

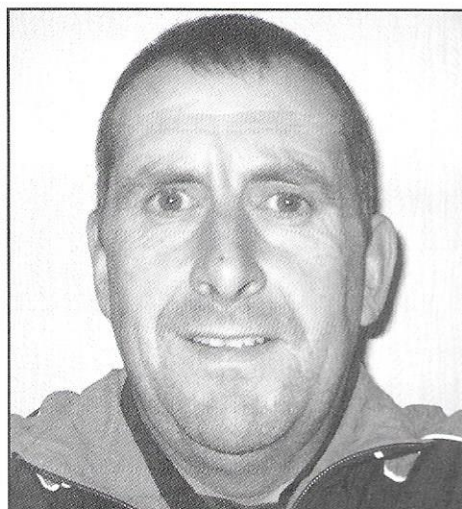
his progress has been marked by taking charge of games in recent Connacht and Leinster championship campaigns.

The Killybegs' native has an enviable record at club level where he has been involved in seven county finals as a player and a player/manager between 1988 and 1996 when Killybegs were the force to be reckoned with in Donegal club football. Jimmy was on the winning side in five of those seven campaigns. Indeed he still lines out for his club on occasion, but only by his own admission, when they're stuck!

## Senior Reserve Final

Paddy McBride (Na Dúnaibh)

Today's senior reserve final referee is a familiar face, Paddy McBride from the Downings club. Paddy played for the club for 23 years and won 3 All-Ireland Gaeltacht medals, three intermediate championships and one junior championship medal during that time. Apart from being active in refereeing circles he is also the current club chairman having spent ten years as



secretary and four years as PRO.

He began refereeing in 1999 when his

playing days came to an end and progressed up through the ranks. Paddy was added to the Ulster panel in 2002 and took charge of a Tyrone/Fermanagh minor championship game in Clones in 2004. Closer to home in Donegal, he has refereed finals at u-16, minor, u-21 and intermediate level as well as three senior Gaeltacht finals. "It is a great honour for my family, my club and myself to be selected to referees today's reserve final and I intend to enjoy the occasion," said Paddy.

## Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil

Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,

Buion dár slua

Thar toinn do tháinig chugainn,

Faoi mhóid bheith saor.

Sean tír ár sinsear feasta

Ní fhágfar féin tiorán ná faoin tráil

Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil,

Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil

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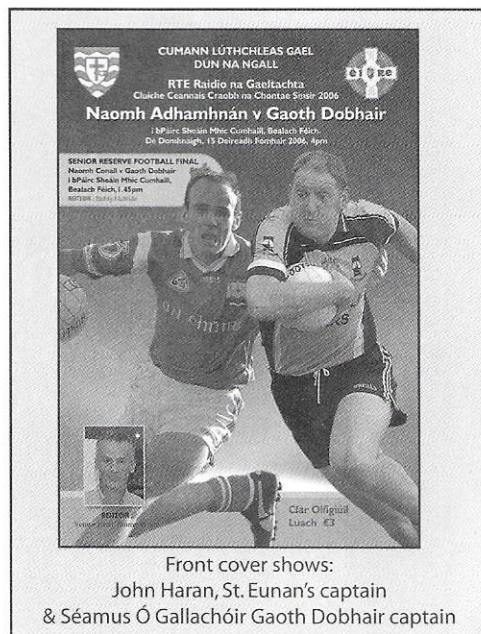
Seo libh canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

## Thanks

A word of thanks to all who contributed to today's match programme in any shape or form, in particular the public relations officers and secretaries of the participating clubs.

**Sean Perry**

PRO/Programme editor.







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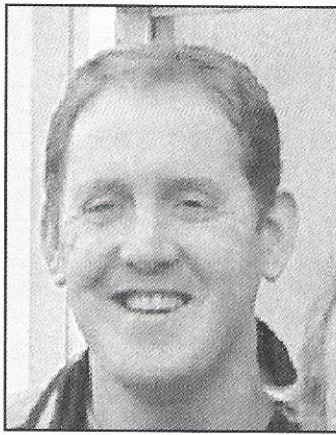
# A word from the St. Eunan's captain

It is a great privilege for me to be captain of this St. Eunan's team, and I hope that I can carry out my role to the best of my ability, thus giving the position the respect it deserves.

To lead this team out on County Final day is a great honour and hopefully we can re-gain the Dr. Maguire Cup for the people of Letterkenny, and St. Eunan's GAA Club for the first time since 2001.

I wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute and thanks to our team manager Brendan Kilcoyne, Coach, Jonathan Scanlon, backroom team, Joe Winston, Neil Campbell, Pat Crampsie and Paddy Mullen, and everyone associated with the team for preparing us so well all year to reach today's final.

I also want to thank our sponsor Tony Kelly, our club officers



especially Cathal Greene, Brian Kelly and Charlie McAteer, as well as Big Vincent, for all their work throughout the year.

I want to ask all our supporters to get behind the team as much as possible as we all know today's game is going to be a mammoth task for us as we bid to overcome this strong Gweedore side.

We know that unless we improve greatly on our performance in the semi-final we will not win today, but we will be giving it everything in our bid to win and hopefully Gweedore

and ourselves will produce a spectacle that shows all that is good in Donegal football.

**John Haran**

St. Eunan's Captain

# A word from the Gaoth Dobhair captain

Ní morán fóchumann sa chondae gur féidir leo a rá go bhfuil trí cinn déag de Chraobhacha Peile Sinsear buaite acu, agus is rud é sin go bhfuil lucht leanúna peile i nGaoth Dobhair iontach bródúil as, go bhfuil trí chraobh déag peile buaite againn. Tá mé dóchasach leis an fhoireann agus leis an phainéal láidir atá againn faoi láthair, gur féidir linn ceathrú craobh déag a thabhairt ar ais go Gaoth Dobhair i mbliana. Tá íobairtí móra déanta ag imreoirí ó thús na bliana seo, lenár sprioc a bhaint amach, agus tá muid anois sa chluiche ceannais. Buille trom dúinn na gortuithe a bhain do roinnt dár n-imreoirí, Máirtín Ó Colla, Rónán Mac Niallais agus Seán Ó Duibhir. Sílim féin go mbeidh an chuid eile den fhoireann níos diongbháilte agus níos dairíre le Craobh na bliana seo a bhaint, dona himreoirí atá gortuithe.



Patrick Doherty & Patricia Doherty, Ostán na Cúirte, ag bronnadh geansaithe peile úr ar chaiftín fhoireann sinsear Ghaoth Dobhair, Séamus Ó Gallachóir.

Bhí droch ádh orainn sna babhtáí leath cheanais le roinnt blianta, agus tá sé ar intinn againn deireadh a chur leis an droch ádh sin, agus Corn an Dochtúir Mhic Uidhir a thabhairt ar ais na bhaile go Gaoth Dobhair arís. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a thabhairt don fhoireann bainistíochta, Declan agus Mícheál, agus le Kate agus Breandán, agus achan duine a chuidigh leis an fhoireann ar dhóigh ar bith le linn na bliana seo. Ba mhaith

liom buíochas speisialta a thabhairt don lucht leanúna iontach dílis atá ag an fhochumann, agus a ghríosaigh muid i gcónaí. Níl lucht leanúna ar bith ionchurtha le lucht leanúna Ghaoth Dobhair.

**Séamus Ó Gallachóir**

Caiftín ar fhoireann Ghaoth Dobhair.



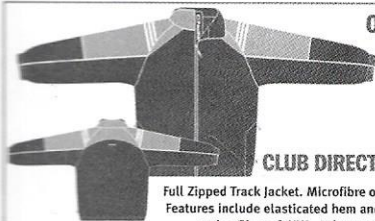
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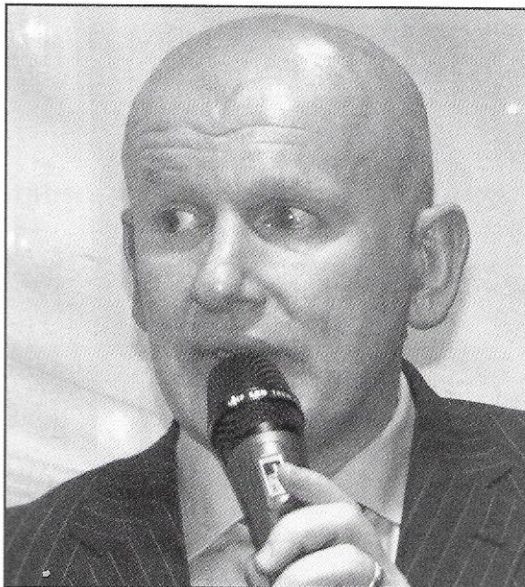
# A word from the Gaoth Dobhair manager

Bhí díoma ollmhór ar Ghaoth Dobhair anuraidh, nuair a bhí an bhua ag Naomh Adhamhnáin ar Ghaoth Dobhair sa bhabhta leathcheannais. Ón chéad seisiún traenála i mbliana, sé'n phríomh sprioc a bhí againn mar fhoireann, ná Craobh Shinsear Peile na bliana seo a thabhairt ar ais go Gaoth Dobhair don ceathrú huair déag..éacht nach bhfuil déanta ag fóchumann ar bith eile sa chondae. Rinne an sprioc a leag muid síos, iontach dairíre muid inár bhfeachtas, agus muid ag traenáil oícheanta dorchu fuara i Machaire Gathlán.

Rinne na himreoirí an obair a bhí le déanamh, agus níl muid anois ach seasca bomaite ónar sprioc a bhaint amach!

Ábhar mór bróid dúinn i mbliana, go bhfuil an fhoireann sinsear agus tacaíochta páirteach i gcluichí ceannais Chraobh na Condae. Léiríonn sé sin an talann agus an traidisiún láidir peile atá go láidir bríomhar i nGaoth Dobhair.

Ní raibh an feachtas a bhí romhainn furast. B'éigean an tríú



cluiche a imirt leis na comharsain, a Clochán Liath, agus ní raibh sé fura i gcoinne Málain nó i gcoinne Ard a Ratha. Bhí droch ádh orainn le roinn seachtainí, mar gur bhain droc ghortuithe do roinnt imreoirí, Seán Duibhir, Rónán Mac Niallais agus Máirtín Ó Colla.

Ba cheart go mbeidh cluiche maith taitneamhach againn i gcluichí ceannais an lae inniu, mar go bhfuil an dá fhoireann den tuairm gur cheart daofa níos fearr a dhéanam le tamall ná mar a rinne. Tá foireann láidir agus foireann maith ag Naomh Adhamhnáin, agus tá meascán maith

de imreoirí a bhfuil taithí na mblianta acu agus fosta imreoirí óga atá iontach ábalta. Ach sin ráite, tá spiorad agus croí i bhfoireann Ghaoth Dobhair, agus le cuidiú lucht leanúna ollmhór Ghaoth Dobhair inniu, beidh an linn.

**Deaglan O'Namh**

Bainisteoir Gaoth Dobhair

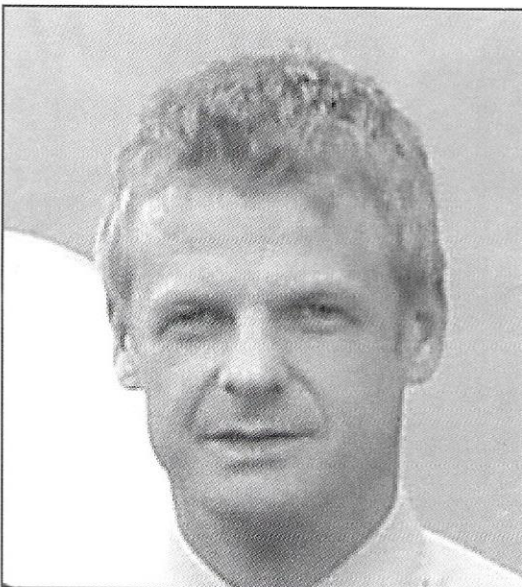
# A word from the St. Eunan's manager

Everyone involved in football wants to be involved on County Final day and it certainly is great to be back. St Eunan's have reached seven finals in the last 10 years but we have only won three and we are determined that we will do what we can to redress that balance today.

We know that Gweedore will be a very difficult side to overcome, who include in their side some of the most experienced footballers in the county, and hopefully today's game will be as good as some of our previous encounters.

After losing last years final after a replay, we have started to rebuild our team and it is great to be back in MacCumhaill Park on the county's biggest day, especially with a side that will have a number of players making their county final debuts.

I would ask our supporters, who have been behind us all the way this year, to really get behind the team today and encourage them from the first whistle to the last.



A word of thanks and gratitude to our selectors and backroom team who have given great support and expertise all year and I hope that their work is rewarded today.

I also want to thank our sponsor Tom Kelly, our club executive committee especially Cathal, Brian and Charlie for all their support, and Vincen McGlynn for his tremendous work in keeping the O'Donnell Park in great condition.

St. Eunan's and Gweedore have a great tradition in county finals with Gweedore holding an advantage in terms of wins, but today's game

promises to be a close contest with a lucky break or referee's call possibly being the telling point, but hopefully we can come out with the win in the end.

We'll be doing our best ....

**Brendan Kilcoyne**

Manager, St Eunan's



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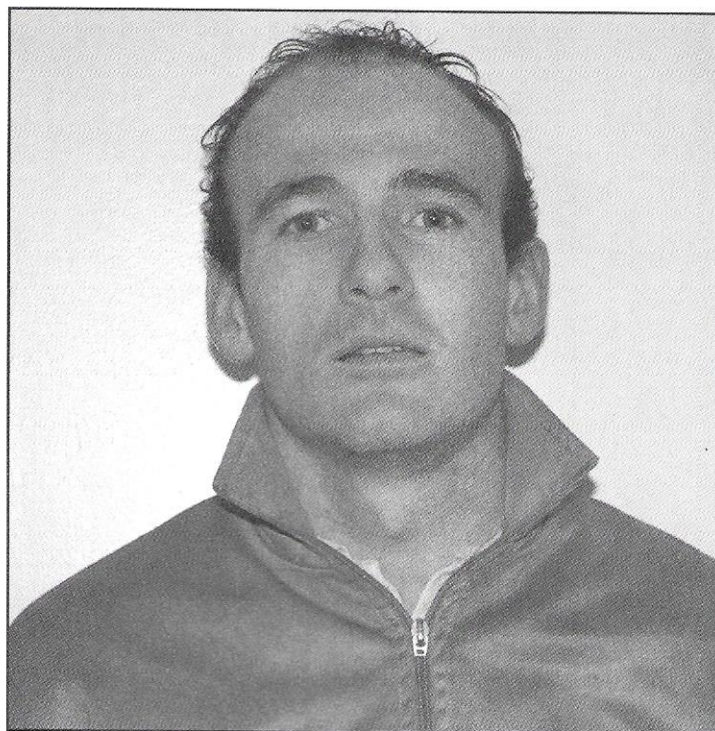


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## Player profile - Séamus Ó Gallachóir

<b>Aois</b>	29
<b>Slí Beatha</b>	Búistéar
<b>Pósta/Singilte</b>	Seachtain amháin saoirse fágtha, ag pósadh Caitríona Nic Pháidín, Dé Sathairn seo chugainn, an 21ú Deireadh Fómhair.
<b>Buaicphointe mar imreoir</b>	Ag baint craobh shinsear peile le Gaoth Dobhair.
<b>Díoma is mó</b>	Ag cailleadh dhá chraobh Uladh le Dún na nGall.
<b>Tionchar is mó</b>	M'athair, Neilly.
<b>Spóirt a thaitníonn liom</b>	Iomanaíocht agus sacar.
<b>Mo laochanna spóirt</b>	Charlie Redmond, Morris Fitzgerald

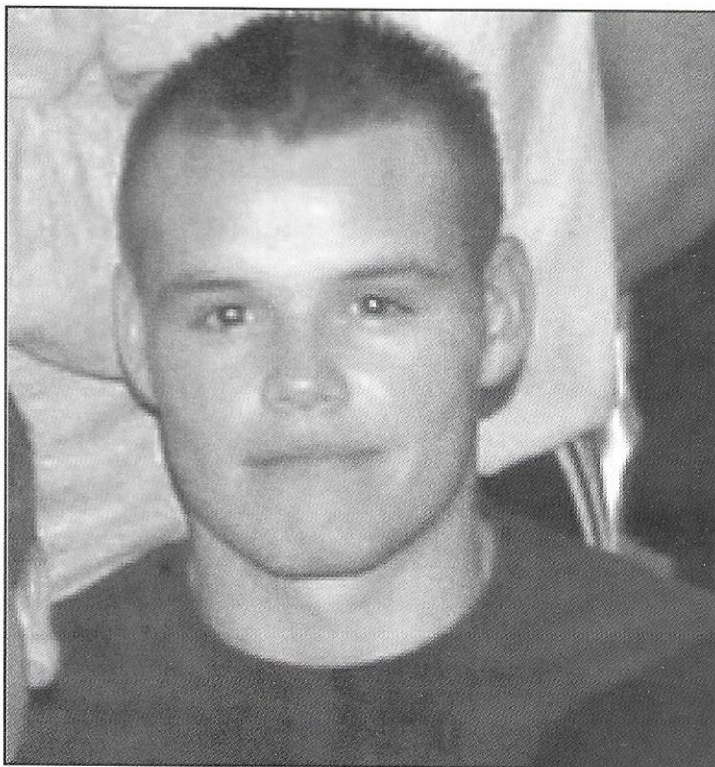


### Imreoirí don todhchaí

Séamus Ó Cearrbhaill, Danny Ó Curráin

## Player profile - Cornelius Ó Gallachóir


<b>Aois</b>	19
<b>Slí Beatha</b>	Mac léinn
<b>Pósta/Singilte</b>	Singilte
<b>Buaicphointe mar imreoir</b>	Ag imirt do fhoirne faoi aois, faoi 14,15, 16 agus mionúir le Dún na nGall.
<b>Díoma is mó</b>	Ag cailleadh i gcoinne Thír Eoghain i gcluiche ceannais Buncrana Cup
<b>Tionchar is mó</b>	M'athair, James, Mícheál Curran & Packie Mac Fhionnghaile.
<b>Spóirt a thaitníonn liom</b>	Sacar agus gailf.
<b>Mo laochanna spóirt</b>	Peter Canavan, Roy Keane.



### Imreoirí don todhchaí

Séamus Ó Cearrbhaill, Danny Ó Curráin.





*Good luck to  
Gaoth Dobhair  
in the county final*

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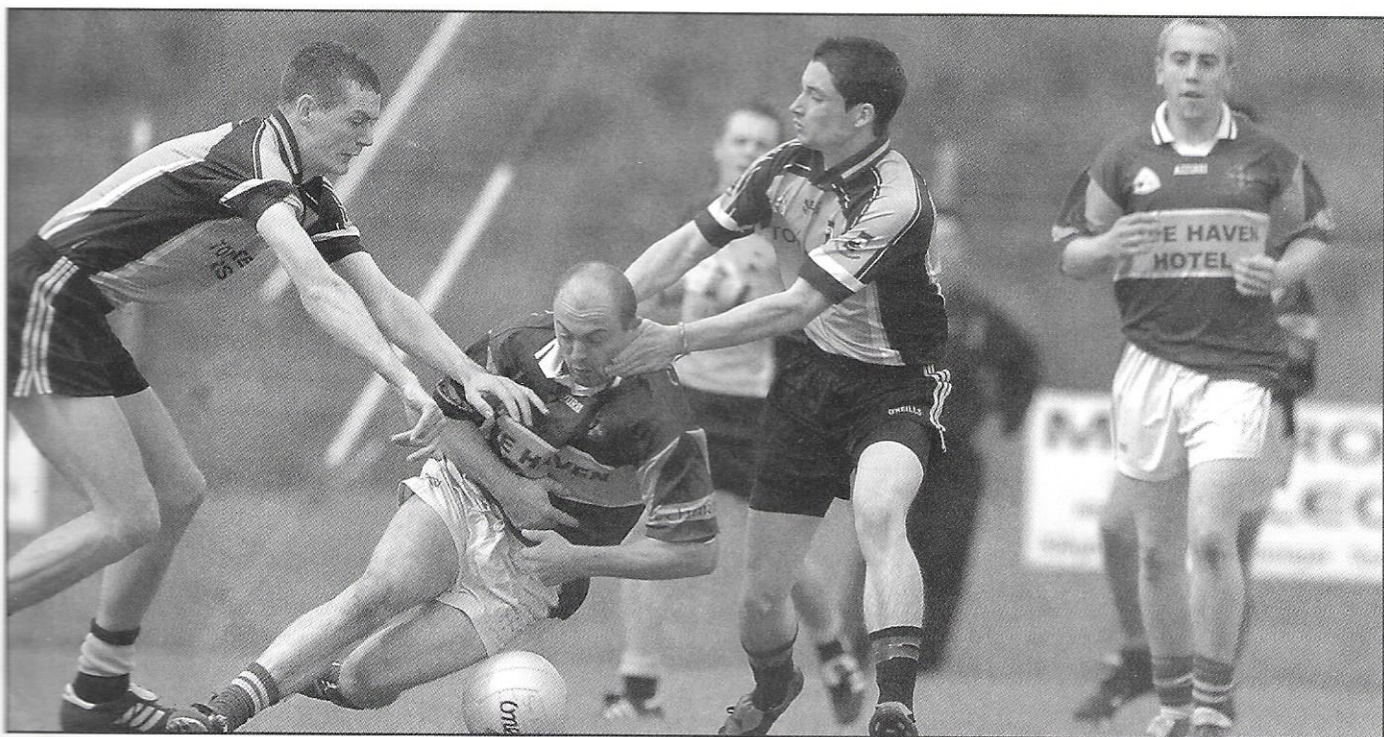
# Gaoth Dobhair Pen Pics

Ainm	Aois	Slí Beatha	Airde	Meáchán	Onaraí
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Éamonn Mac Aoidh	22	Coachálaí Peile	6'2"	13.5 cl	2 Sigerson, Craobh na hÉireann Gairmscoileanna, Dhá Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh -21, Craobh Sinsear.
Niall Mac Aoidh	20	Mac léinn	6'1"	13.5 cl	Sigerson, Corn Trench, Craobh -21, Craobh Sinsear, Dhá Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta.
Criostóir Mac Pháidín	22	Tógálaí	5'11"	11.5 cl	Craobh -21, Sraith Mionúir, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta.
Criostóir Mac Suibhne	20	Mac léinn	6'0"	13 cl	Craobh Shóisear, Craobh -21, Sraith Mionúir, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta
Séamus Ó Gallachóir	29	Búistéir	5'11"	13 cl	2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh Shinsear, Sraith Sinsear.
Caoimhín Ó Casaide	25	Múinteoir	6'0"	15 cl	2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Allstar 2002, Craobh Shinsear, Sraith Sinsear, Craobh Mionúir, Corn Sigerson, Trench & Ryan.
Dónal Mac Giolla Bhríde	21	Mac Léinn	6'2"	13.5 cl	Craobh Shinsear, 2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta,
Seán Mac Gairbheith	21	Mac Léinn	5'7"	11 cl	Craobh -21, Craobh Sóisear, Sraith Mionúir, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta
Seosamh Ó Dufaigh	25	Pluiméir	5'11"	13 cl	Craobh Sóisear, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta
Seán Ó Duibhir	31	Pluiméir	5'9"	12.5 cl	Craobh Mionúir Uladh, Craobh Shóisear, 2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta
Tomás Ó Duibhir	22	Pluiméir	6'1"	14 cl	Tedd Webb, Craobh Mionúir, 2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta
Rónán Mac Niallais	21	Mac Léinn	6'3"	14 cl	Craobh Mionúir, Sraith Mionúir, Craobh Shinsear, 2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta
Colmán Mac Cumhaill	34	Comhordnóir Talmhaíochta	5'11"	12.5 cl	Craobh -21, Craobh Sóisear, Craobh Shinsear, 2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta
Ruairí Mac Cumhaill	28	Dlíodóir	6'2"	15 cl	Craobh -21, Iomanaíocht -21 na Condae, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh Shinsear.
Micheal Mac Eamharcaí	30	Múinteoir	6'1"	14 cl	2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh Shinsear
Brian Mac Aoidh	34	Teicneoir	5'4"	12 cl	2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh Shinsear
Stíofán Ó Casaide	31	Díolacháin	6'0"	14 cl	2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh Shinsear
Seán N Ó Gallachóir	33	Tógálaí	5'9"	11.5 cl	2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh Shinsear, 2 Sraith Mionúir, Gairmscoltacha Uladh -18.
Pádraig Mac Gairbheith	25	Múinteoir	5'9"	13 cl	2 Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta, Craobh Shinsear
Cornelius Ó Gallachóir	19	Mac Léinn	5'9"	12 cl	Craobh -21, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta.
Cathal Ó Maolagáin	21	Tógálaí	5'9"	12.5cl	Craobh -21, Craobh Shóisear.
Fionnán Ó Duibhir	20	Mac Léinn	5'8"	13 cl	Craobh -21, Craobh Shóisear, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta.
Séamus Ó Cearrbaill	18	Mac Léinn	5'8"	12 cl	Craobh -21, Craobh Uladh Mionúir.
Mícheál Ó Curráin	19	Mac Léinn	5'9"	12.5 cl	Craobh -21, Craobh Shóisear.



# St. Eunan's Pen Pics

Name	Age	Weight	Height	Occupation
Tony Blake	34	15st	6'2"	Civil Engineering Technician
Eddie Brennan	26	13st	5'9"	Teacher
Colin McIntyre	23	13st	6'	Carpenter
Sean McEwen	31	13st	5'10"	Chemical Engineer
Kieran Ryan	30	13.5st	6'	Bar Manager
Brendan Roache	26	12st	5'11"	Garda
Kevin Rafferty	25	13.5st	6'3"	Shop Manager
Brian McDermott	30	11.5st	5'9"	Teacher
Conall Dunne	23	12.5st	5'11"	Junior Accountant
Rory Kavanagh	24	13st	6'2"	Teacher
Eugene Sullivan	25	13st	5'10"	Sales Manager
Brendan Devenney	29	13.5st	5'11"	Sales
Ciaran Greene	19	11st	5'11"	Student
Adrian McClafferty	28	13st	5'10"	Computer Programmer
Damien McClafferty	24	12st	5'10"	Computer Technician
Kevin Winston	28	13.5st	6'	Electrician
Kieran Sharkey	22	11st	5'9"	Junior Accountant
Maurice McGeehin	32	14st	6'2"	Engineer
John Paul Clarke	24	2.5st	6'	Computer Marketing
John Haran	29	14st	6'3"	Teacher
Damien Daly	30	12st	5'9"	Junior Accountant
Paul Crampsie	33	14.5st	6'2"	Postman
Mark McGowan	18	10.5st	5'10"	Student
Ross Wherity	18	12st	6'4"	Student
Paul Thornton	18	11.5st	5'9"	Student
Dualtach Molloy	18	11st	5'10"	Joiner
Paddy McGowan	17	14st	6'	Student
David McGinley	28	12st	6'2"	Teacher



Action from the St. Eunan's v Kilcar game.



# Player profile - Conall Dunne

**Age:** 23

**Occupation:** Trainee accountant

**Married/Single:** Single

**Favourite position:** Anywhere on the team, but preferably in the forwards

**Favourite player:** Jack O'Shea

**Favourite other sport:** Soccer

**Biggest influence on your career:** My Parents

**Gaelic football heroes:** Charlie Mulgrew

**Favourite ground:** O'Donnell Park

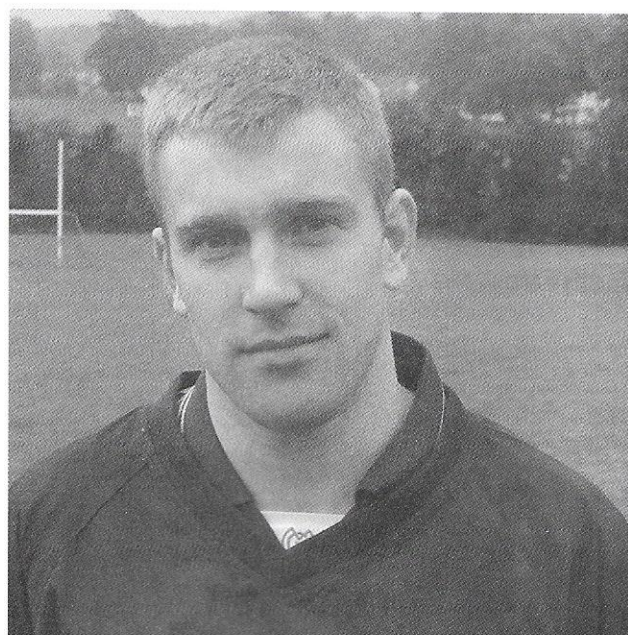
**Toughest opponent:** Graham Canty

**Favourite film:** Braveheart

**Favourite actor/actress:** Al Pacino / Katie Holmes

**Person you would most like to meet:** Dr. Maguire

**Ambition:** To win today's county final



**Honours won:** Senior C'ship, U-21 C'ship, Fresher's All-Ireland with Queens

**County debut:** v Dublin in Croke Park in 2001

**Ways of improving the game:** Stop the holding 'off the ball.'

# Player profile - Rory Kavanagh

**Age:** 24

**Occupation:** Primary school teacher

**Married / Single:** Neither

**Favourite position:** Midfield

**Favourite player:** Darragh O'Se

**Favourite other sport:** Soccer

**Biggest influence on your career:** Mum and Dad, Martin Rafferty (RIP)

**Gaelic football heroes:** Martin McHugh, Tony Boyle

**Favourite ground:** O'Donnell Park

**Toughest opponent:** Dermot Early

**Favourite film:** The Life Of Brian

**Favourite actor/actress:** Al Pacino / Halle Berry

**Person you would most like to meet:** Peter Kay

**Ambition:** To win more county titles and to win some silverware with Donegal

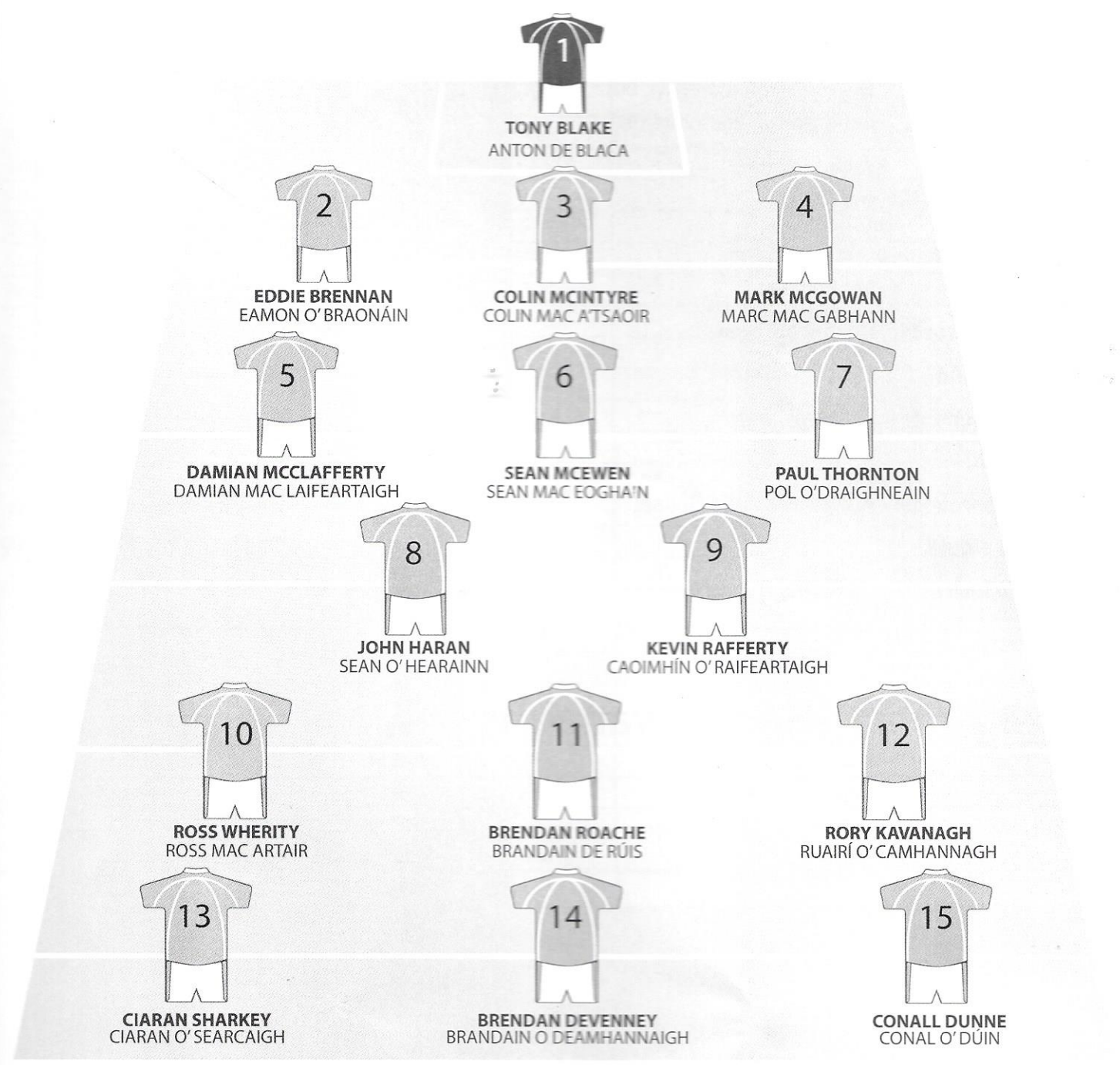


**Honours won:** Senior C'ship 2001, U-21 C'ship 2003, 2 Kildare U-21 C'ships (with NUI Maynooth), McLarnon Cup, U-12 C'ship.

**County debut:** v Cork in 2001

**Ways of improving the game:** Let players pick the ball off the ground and an extra referee

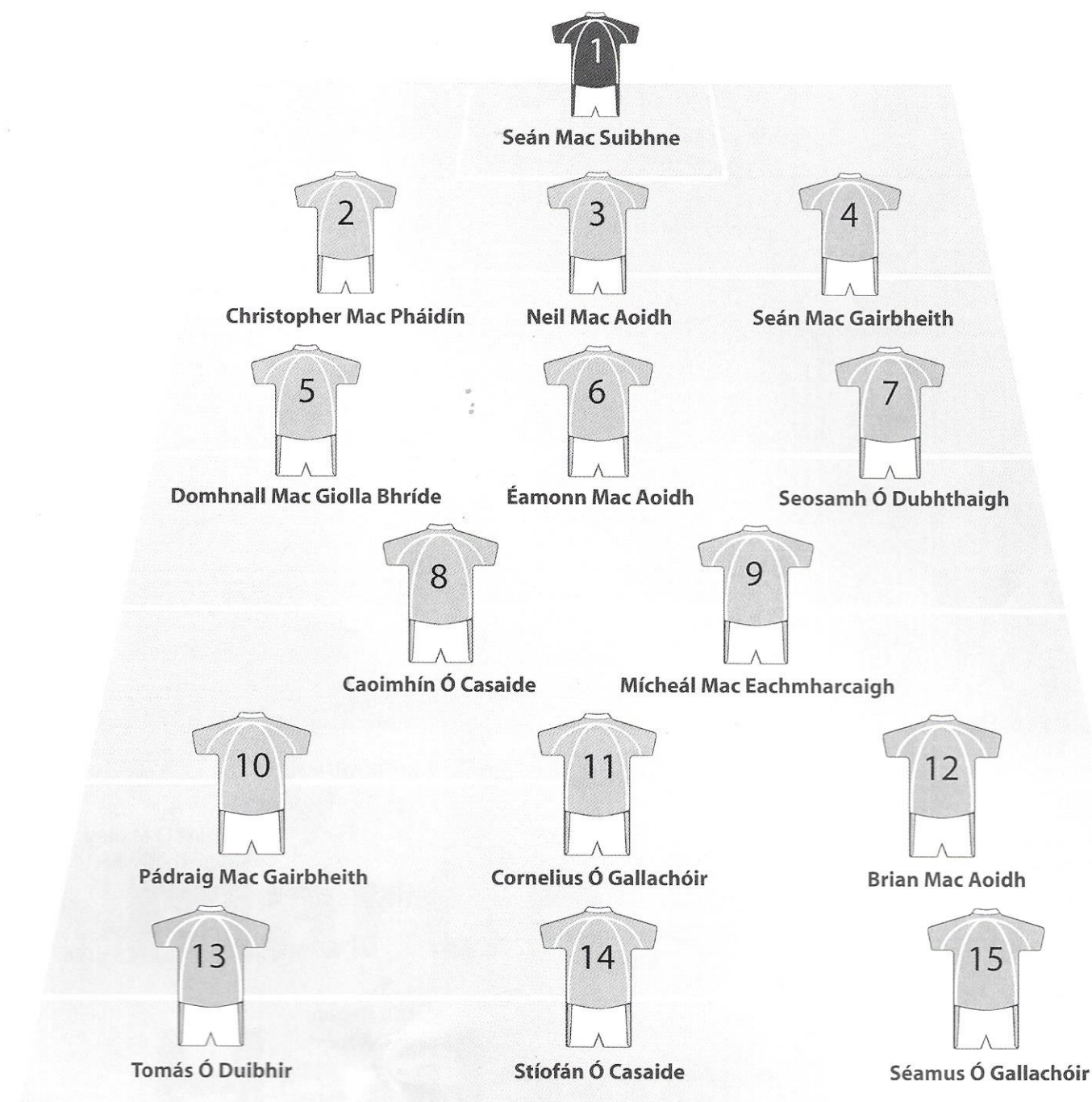




**Fir Ionaid/Substitutes:** 16. SEAN POL O' CLÉIRIGH (JOHN PAUL CLARKE); 17. ADRIAN MAC LAIFEARTAIGH (ADRIAN MCCLAFFERTY); 18. BRIAN MAC DIARMADA (BRIAN MC DERMOTT); 19. MUIRIS MAC GAOITHÍN (MAURICE MCGEEHAN); 20. CIARAN O'RIAIN (CIARAN RYAN); 21. CIARAN MAC GRIANA (CIARAN GREENE); 22. DULTACH O' MAOLMHUAIDH (DULTACH MOLLOY); 23. CAOIMHÍN MAC GAOITHÍN (KEVIN WINSTON); 24. DAMIAN O' DALAIGH (DAMIAN DALY);

	Cúil	Cúillíní	Seachái	45	Saor	Ciceanna
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2ADH LEATH						
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**Fír Ionaid/Substitutes:** 16. Christopher Mac Suibhne; 17. Colmán Mac Cumhaill; 18. Ruairí Mac Cumhaill; 19. Séamus Ó Cearrbhaill; 20. Mícheál Ó Curráin; 21. Cathal Ó Maolagáin; 22. AN Other; 23. Seán Ó Gallachóir; 24. Seán Ó Duibhir.

	Cúil	Cúillini	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciceanna	
1ADH LEATH							
2ADH LEATH							
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1.  
Christopher Mac Suibhne
2.  
Seán P Mac Fhionnghaile
3.  
Daithí Mac Aoidh
4.  
Pól Ó Fearraigh
5.  
Mícheál Ó Curráin
6.  
Déaglán Ó Baoill
7.  
Ciarán Ó Fearraigh
8.  
Pádraig Ó Dubhthaigh
9.  
Fionnán Ó Duibhir
10.  
Rónán Ó Duibhir
11.  
Proinsias Mac Aoidh
12.  
Cathal Ó Dubhgháin
13.  
Gary Ó Fuaraisce
14.  
Cathal Ó Maolagáin
15.  
Manny Ó Gallachóir

16.Mícheál Mac Ceallbhuí; 17.Aodh Mac Suibhne; 18.Colin Ó Fearraigh; 19.Seán N Ó Gallachóir; 20.Tomás Ó Fríl; 21.Peadar Mac Aoidh; 22.Cathal Ó Baoill; 23.Séamus Mac Suibhne.

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## Naomh Conall

**Foireann Bainistíochta:** Séan Ó Connachtáin, Máirtín Ó Riagáin, Damien de Creag, Seamas Ó Baoill, Séan Mac Daibhéid, Laurence Ó Gallchóir

1.  
Martin Molloy  
Máirtín Ó Maolmhuidh
2.  
Dermot Ward  
Diarmaid Mac an Bhaird
3.  
Donal Cape  
Dónal O Capa
4.  
Michael O Malley  
Mícheál Ó Máille
5.  
JP Molloy  
Séan Ó Maolmhuidh
6.  
Joe Byrne (capt)  
Seosamh Ó Broin
7.  
Conal Herron  
Conal Mac Giolla Chearáin
8.  
Charlie Boyle  
Cáthail Ó Baoill
9.  
Martin Regan  
Máirtín Ó Riagáin
10.  
Michael Furey  
Mícheál Foirréidh
11.  
Michael McLoone  
Mícheál Mac Giolla Eoin
12.  
Michael Regan  
Mícheál Ó Riagáin
13.  
Conal McNelis  
Conal Mac Niallais
14.  
Neil Boyle  
Niall Ó Baoill
15.  
Leonard McDyre  
Lionard Mac Duibhir

16 Michael Greenwood; 17 Jamie Molloy; 18 Stephen Molloy; 19 Hugh Breslin; 20 Sean Boyce; 21 Patrick Gill; 22 Stephen McKelvey; 23 Brendan O'Donnell; 24 Michael Bonner

	Cúil	Cúillini	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciceanna	
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IOMLÁN							





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# When East met West in parish battle

## A brief History of Gaoth Dobhair GAA club

The first records of Gaelic football being played in the parish of Gaoth Dobhair date back to 1918. Towards the end of the 19th century and up until 1915 Gaoth Dobhair had a strong soccer team and this was the main pastime. This was mainly due to the strong Scottish connection due to seasonal migration and of course the birth of Glasgow Celtic in 1888.

With the outbreak of WW1 soccer ceased to be played to any great degree. It was in the late twenties 1927/28 that Gaelic football re-emerged in Gaoth Dobhair. At that time there was no official club but there were two teams in the parish.

## East and West

One team consisted of players from the east of Derrybeg church towards Cnoc Fola and the second team was from the area west of the church. Matches were played every Sunday alternating between Machaire Gathláin and An Rannaigh to the East. According to folklore these games were played with few rules, in reality only those who had gone to teacher training colleges had any knowledge of GAA rules.

The appointed referee blew when he thought there was an infringement, often without any real knowledge of the rules of the game!. Some players toggled out, others simply rolled up their trousers, even football boots were scarce, many players playing with one boot only.

These games attracted huge crowds, at one such match in 1928 played at An Rannaigh an official gate of £12 was collected - and

that was gained by passing round a cap.

Cuman Lúthchleas Gael Ghaoth Dobhair was founded in 1931 but it was more by chance than by design.

In November of that year a drama group from Mullaghduff produced a play in the parish of Gaoth Dobhair. The following night a group of people got together in Owenie Eoin Ruaidh's (Gillespies) shop. Amongst them were Owenie Chonaill (Mc Bride) and Owenie Eoin Ruaidh (Gillespie).

Owenie Chonaill put it to the group that he could gather up a crowd in Gaoth Dobhair that would give a better drama performance than the Mullaghduff group had given. William Coyle who was in the company agreed and the plans were laid to establish a drama group. Another man present Charlie Owenie suggested that if they were starting a drama group that they might as well start a Gaelic football team too. Jim Size suggested that there was no time like the present and that was the night that CLG Ghaoth Dobhair was formed.

## Officers Elected

Dan Maloney was named as Chairman, other members were Mickey the Cope Gallagher, Dominic Johnnie, Joe Friel, Charlie Friel and Antoin Delap. A deal was struck with Mairead Frank and it was agreed that her house be used for Committee meetings from then on.

A team was formed in the late 1931, early 1932, but according to the players of that era even though they were playing senior football they were really only a good junior team. The first

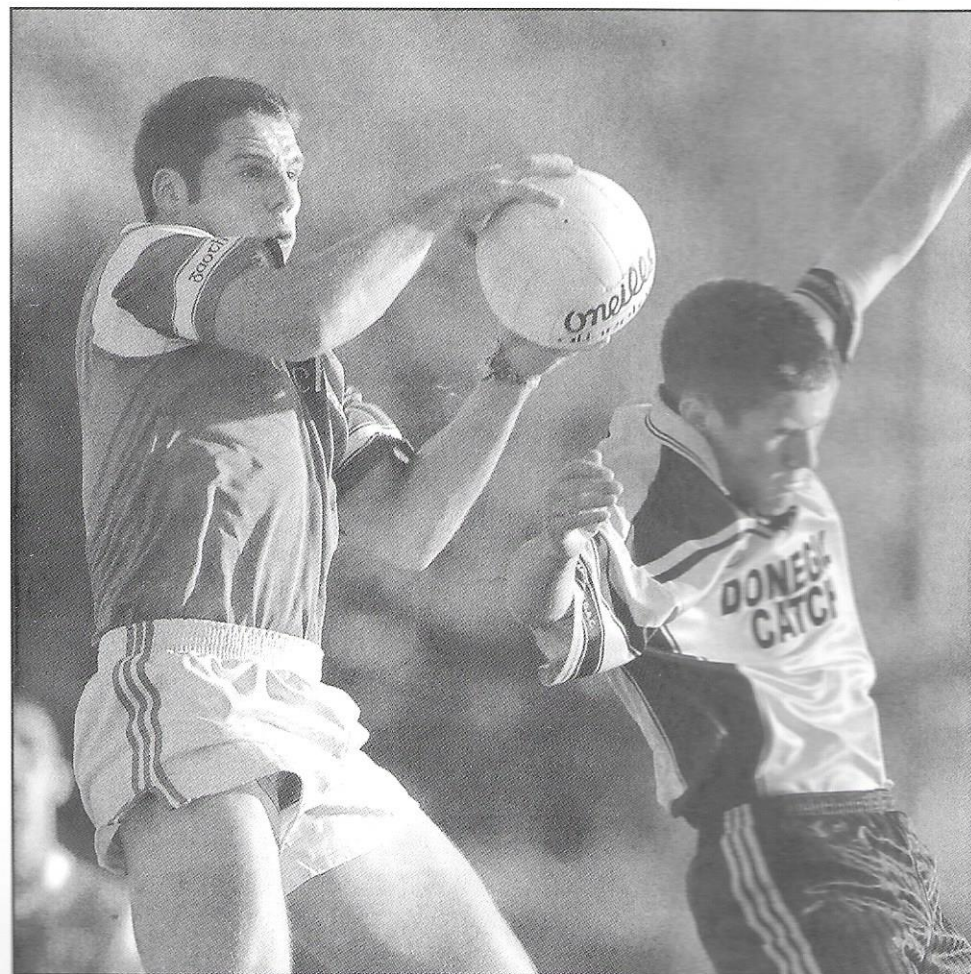
County title to come into the parish of Gaoth Dobhair was a Minor title in 1933. Incidentally, their opponents on that day were Ballyshannon, Gaoth Dobhair winning 1-04 to 0-02.

The following year they retained the title, this time against Letterkenny winning 3-10 to 1-04.

The following year Gaoth Dobhair made the big breakthrough winning their first senior title, defeating Bun Dobhráin 1-08 / 0-03.

Nearly half the minor team of '33 and '34 played senior in 1935. Amongst them were Danny Neddy (Gillespie), Hughie Dunlop, John Chit, Owenie Phádaí pheadair, Paddy Coll, Jimmy Phádaí Bhig. Three members of the first winning team are still with us (2003). Jimí Ó Baoill, Machaire Chlochair, Nial Mac Aoidh, Min Doire and Fanaid and Con McLaughlin (who was teaching in the parish at the time).

At that time many of the players had to work seasonally in Scotland but they were always eager for news of their team. Sometimes they got to hear the results on Radio Éireann late on Sunday nights. Mostly they had to wait for a full report on the progress of Gaoth Dobhair in the Derry people when it arrived midweek.



Kevin Cassidy in action against Malin in the quarter-final.



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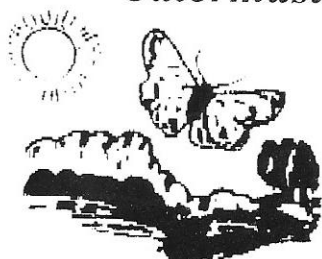
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*Good luck to Gaoth Dobhair in the county final.*



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# "Briseann an dúchas ...le Séamus Mac Géidigh

## RTE/Raidió na Gaeltachta

Seo an chead uair ariamh do dhá fhoireann sinsear ó fho-Chumann Ghaoth Dobhair dul na páirce do chluichí ceannais Contae agus is mór an ábhar bróid é sin do phobal na paróiste, ó Mhachaire Gathlán go Dún Luiche agus ó chros Ghlais a' Chú go Droichead Chroithlí.

Tá sé doiligh go leor foireann amháin a fháil fhad leis an chluiche ceannais agus tá a fhios ag Gaoth Dobhair sin go maith mar nach raibh siad ach in dhá chluiche ceannais Sinsear o 1962 go dtí 2002. Mar sin is ócáid stairiúil atá ann inniú.

Nuair a bhain Gaoth Dobhair craobh na bliana 2002 measadh cosúil le foireann 1961 go mbainfeadh siad cupla ceann eile ach nach iomaí foireann a chreid an rud céanna..

Mar sin féin bhí sé soiléir le cupla bliain nach raibh an t-ocras ceanna ann agus a bhí in 2002, ag cailleadh in éadan Seán Mhic Cumhaill faoi dhó agus anuraidh in éadan Ard a'Ratha.

Tá ceathrar imreoir ag Gaoth Dobhair faoi láthair atá chomh maith agus ata sa tír, Clann Mhic Aoidh as Dobhar, Eamonn agus Niall, Séamus Ó Gallchóir agus Caoimhín Ó Casaide. Ach ab é go dtáinig Caoimhín Ó Casaide ar ais is beag seans go mbeadh Gaoth Dobhair sa chluiche ceannais, mar in éadan Mhalainn agus Ard a'Ratha choinnigh sé Gaoth Dobhair sa chluiche sa cheathrú dheireannach. Mar sin féin mar a duirt Jimí Mhici Ó Gallchóir, ní h-iaid na himreoirí móra a imríonn go maith ar an lá mór agus tá scoth na bpeileadóirí o cheann ceann na páirce ag Gaoth Dobhair, imreoirí le taithí agus ógánaigh gan eagla. Bhí Gaoth Dobhair ag brath go mór ar Shéamus Ó Gallchóir lena scóranna a fháil ach tá Stiofan Ó Casaide ar ais chuige féin le cúpla cluiche



agus tá ógánaigh maithe eile ansin mar atá Conchúr Ó Gallchóir, Séamus Ó Cearbhaill agus Pádraig Mac Gairbheith a bhí thar a bheith maith in éadan Ard a'Ratha.

Ach is caill mhór Séan Ó Duibhir a bhí i gcónaí ansin le trí nó cheathar de phoinntí a fháil achan lá. Caill mhór eile do Ghaoth Dobhair na Máirtín Ó Colla agus is mór an briseadh croí é do féin, Is é Máirtín duine dena peileadóirí is fearr a chaith geansaí an chlub ariamh agus nuair a bhain Gaoth Dobhair craobh na bliana 2003 ní raibh cead imeartha aige indiaidh dó séasúr a chaitheamh i Meiriceá. "Nach cleasach an peata an saoi" agus is cinnte go mbeadh

Gaoth Dobhair i bhfad níos saibhre le Ó Colla agus Ó Duibhir ar an pháirc. Ach thig leis na scealtaí seo a bheith ina n'ionsporaid do Ghaoth Dobhair mar a bhí sa chluiche leath ceannais.

Bhí paróiste Ghaoth Dobhair go mór in isle brí i ndeire 2002 agus 2003 de bharr na droch scéalta agus an dí-fhostaíocht ar fad a bhí ag tarlú ach nuair a baineadh craobh na bliana 2002 thóg sé agus chur se spiorad úr i bpobal na paróiste, mar go bhfuil an pheil fite fuaite go dlúth fríd an phobal ar fad. Ní tharlódh an rud céanna i Leitir Ceanainn.

Tá peileadóirí aitheanta ag Naomh Adhamhnán ó cheann ceann na páirce ach níl an dúchas céanna acu nó an mórtas pobail agus atá i bpeileadóirí na Gaeltachta. Measaim go mbeidh an dúchas agus an mórtas sin le cois nach raibh eagla ariamh ar Ghaoth Dobhair roimh Naomh Adhamhnán ina bhuntaiste mhór sa chluiche ceannais.



Cornelius Ó Gallachóir in action for Gaoth Dobhair.



# St. Eunan's v Gweedore – Previous final meetings

By Michael McHugh Donegal & Letterkenny Post

1944	Gweedore	4-10	St. Eunan's	3-4	1930	Dungloe	3-2	Letterkenny	2-3
1946	Gweedore	0-7	St. Eunan's	0-6	1951	Ballyshannon	1-6	St. Eunan's	1-5
1947	Gweedore	1-9	St. Eunan's	0-3	1952	Killybegs	0-9	St. Eunan's	1-5
1948	St. Eunan's	1-7	Gweedore	2-1	1956	St. Eunan's	0-8	Ballyshannon	1-2
1949	Gweedore	2-12	St. Eunan's	3-4	1958	Dungloe	2-6	St. Eunan's	2-5
1955	Gweedore	1-7	St. Eunan's	1-4	1967	St. Eunan's	1-13	St. Joseph's	1-9
1960	St. Eunan's	0-11	Gweedore	0-3	(This was after a replay with the famous Bundoran/Ballyshannon pairing)				
2002	Gweedore	1-11	St. Eunan's	0-10 (played in 2003)	1969	St. Eunan's	0-10	St. Joseph's	1-4
					1972	St. Eunan's	2-12	Clanna Gael	1-8
					1974	St. Joseph's	1-8	St. Eunan's	1-3
					1983	St. Eunan's	0-8	Ardara	0-3
					1997	St. Eunan's	1-11	Aodh Ruadh	2-7 **
					1999	St. Eunan's	1-19	Aodh Ruadh	1-11
					2000	Ardara	1-9	St. Eunan's	0-7
					2001	St. Eunan's	1-10	Four Masters	0-8
					2005	N. Conaill	0-10	St. Eunan's	1-5 (after a replay)

## St. Eunan's 1948 winning team against Gweedore:

Gerry Dawson, Tommy Curran, Jim McGlynn, Con Halpin, Pearse Dawson, Eamonn McMenamin, Peadar McGeehan, Charlie Boyle, Denis Curran, Paddy McGeehan, Colm Halpin, PJ Dolan, Eddie Boyle, PJ McGlinchey, Sean Curran.

## St. Eunan's 1960 winning team against Gweedore:

Seamus Hoare, Seamus McCann, Joe Carroll, Michael Ronaghan, James Larkin, Peadar McGeehan, Neol O'Donnell, John Hannigan, P. O'Donnell, P. Peoples, F. Cannon, J.C. Duffy, James McGettigan, F. McLaughlin, Tony McDevitt. Sub: T. Gleeson.

St. Eunan's other final appearances which were played (not against Sunday's opposition)

\* The first Letterkenny team to appear in a final was in 1926, when Letterkenny Rovers were beaten by Ardara 0-5 to 0-2. Among those who lined out for Letterkenny were Strain, Larkin, Roarty, Brown, McManus O'Donnell, Gibbons, Doherty, Greer, Drain, Gallagher and Curran. They also were awarded the competition in 1927

\*\* This was the well documented final of 1997, where Eunan's won the game on the field and have always claimed to be the Champions of that year. Aodh Ruadh objected over the participation of a St. Eunan's player Leslie McGettigan and the final was awarded to the Ballyshannon men.

## Paths to the final

### St Eunan's

#### First round, first leg

July 15th Glenfin 0-12 v 2-12 St Eunan's

#### First round, second leg

September 3rd St Eunan's 1-10 v 0-8 Glenfin

#### Quarter-final

September 10th - (Tir Chonaill Park)  
Kilcar 0-10 v St Eunan's 1-15

#### Semi-final

October 1st - (MacCumhaill Park)  
St Eunan's 1-10 v St Michael's 1-8

#### The marksmen

Rory Kavanagh 2-4; Dualtach Molloy 1-7  
Conall Dunne 0-9; Brendan Devenney 0-9  
Kevin Rafferty 0-6; Ross Wherity 1-2  
Ciaran Sharkey 1-2; Brendan Roache 0-3  
Ciaran Greene 0-2; John Haran 0-1  
Paul Thornton 0-1; Mark McGowan 0-1

#### Four matches played

Scores for 5-47 Scores against 1-38

### Gaoth Dobhair

#### First round, first leg

July 15th Dungloe 0-6 v 1-8 Gaoth Dobhair

#### First round, second leg

August 27th Gaoth Dobhair 1-8 v 1-11 Dungloe

#### First round playoff

September 9th - (Falcarragh)  
Dungloe 0-10 v 0-15 Gaoth Dobhair

#### Quarter-final

September 16th - (O'Donnell Park)  
Gaoth Dobhair 1-11 v 1-9 Malin

#### Semi-final

October 1st - (MacCumhaill Park)  
Ardara 0-9 v 0-11 Gaoth Dobhair

#### The marksmen

James Gallagher 1-22; Stephen Cassidy 0-13  
Cornelius Gallagher 1-5; Sean Diver 0-3  
James Carroll 1-1; Pdraig McGarvey 0-3  
Tomas Diver 0-3; Ronan McNelis 0-1  
Brian McGee 0-1; Martin Coll 0-1

#### Five matches played

Scores for 3-53 Scores against 2-45



# Ardara end 53 year wait in 1981

By Peter Campbell, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

They had hoped to be in MacCumhaill Park today in bigger numbers from Ardara but Gaoth Dobhair interrupted those plans two weeks ago at both senior and reserve level.

There is, however, an Ardara involvement with the champions of twenty five years ago being present to receive their due recognition. Twenty five years ago Anthony Molloy was a sub. on final day - about to break through at intercounty level with some distinction. The green and gold had lost the 1980 final to a Michael Carr and Martin McHugh inspired Kilcar, but they were to avenge that defeat in a bruising semi-final tie (1-5 to 0-6) and they then went on to lift the Dr. Maguire Cup for the first time since 1928 when they defeated Four Masters in the final - 1-7 to 0-6. According to Fr. Sean O Gallchoir's book "it was no wonder they went berserk with joy on that wonderful day in 1981. No wonder men cried, women screamed, fires burned. A long, long wait since 1928. Da fhaideacht an oiche..." As reported in the Democrat the following week under the heading "Noñ stop celebrations in Ardara" - there was a long night of celebrations with a cavalcade of several miles and back in Ardara club chairman, Bart Whelan was master of ceremonies. Tributes were paid to team captain, Seamus Gallagher; coach Anthony Molloy and manager, Charlie Mooney. They had won Divisional championships a plenty. Three times in the twenties; four times in thirties; five times in forties; four times in fifties. An Eamon McNelis goal was the difference between the sides on final day. They had good displays man of the match, Connie Molloy; Kieran Keeney and captain, Seamus Gallagher, who was beaten by his own neighbours a year earlier. What was remarkable looking back over the pages of the Donegal Democrat to review the final was

that it took place on the first Sunday in September. Imagine that occurring in 2006. Donegal were obviously knocked out of the Ulster Championship in the first round. Ardara had overcome Gaoth Dobhair in the first round, winning both legs (0-9 to 1-3 and 2-4 to 0-7); Naomh Columba in the quarter-final with two Seamus Gallagher goals (2-7 to 0-7) and then the revenge over Kilcar in the semi-final.

In the final Ardara could be regarded as being lucky as Four Masters totally dominated the first half but could not find the posts in MacCumhaill Park. At half-time Ardara actually led by 1-3 to 0-2 even though they only half a dozen of decent attacks. Scorers on county final day in 1981 were - Ardara: Connie Molloy 0-4; Eamon McNelis 1-0; Gerard McNelis 0-2 and Lanty Molloy 0-1. Four Masters: P. J. Dooley 0-3; Marty Kelly 0-2 and Joyce McMullan 0-1.

The teams on county final day were:

**Ard a Ratha:** Pasty Gildea; Eddie McLoone, Martin Sweeney, Conal A Gildea; Noel Watters, Kieran Keeney, Seamus Gallagher; Connie Molloy, Gerard McNelis; Lanty Molloy, Frank McGee, Anthony Harkin; Paul Brennan, Eamon McNelis, John Herron. Subs., Eamonn Watters and Anthony Molloy.

**Four Masters:** Michael Kelly; Gerry Breslin, Donal Monaghan, Dermot McGettigan; Peter Callaghan, P J McGarrigle, Jackie McGroarty; Paul Duncan, P J Dooley; Marty Kelly, Seamus Meehan, Joyce McMullan; Manus Brennan, Corny Carr, Peter Coulter. Subs., Michael McBrearty, Michael Breslin, Martin Gillen.

**Referee:** Sean McGoldrick (Lifford).

Afterwards the Dr Maguire Cup was presented to the Ardara captain by county chairman, Michael Gillespie.





# "Gaoth Dobhair are favourites" - Kilcoyne

By CJ McGinley, Deputy Editor Donegal News

St Eunan's manager Brendan Kilcoyne has installed Gweedore as sure favourites in the run up to today's final but the former Sligo star is hoping for a major push from the Letterkenny lads.

While Brendan admits his side was somewhat lucky against St Michael's in the semi-final he was full of praise for the character they showed to turn around what looked like a certain defeat.

"Well, we're there now and sure well see how it goes next Sunday," he said after training last week.

"We weren't celebrating for the simple fact it was only a semi-final and there was nothing to celebrate about. We know we have improvements to make in our performance from last Sunday. We got a lucky break but, that said, we left ourselves in a position with a few minutes to go that we could win the game. We stuck at it when things were going against us and you have to take some positives out of it too. When many people thought it was a lost cause but the lads stuck at it and we got a lucky break. Over the course of the years we had a few unlucky breaks or unlucky decisions and we hadn't been getting them decisions so it was nice to get that break. But, we will be looking for a big improvement performance wise next Sunday but I'm sure the lads can deliver that," Brendan said.

The Ulster Bank official has not tasted success with St Eunan's since they defeated Four Masters in the 2001 final. He won three medals as a player in 1997, 99 and 2001 and was on the losing side against Glenties as a manager last year.

"I've suffered both on sides of the line and last years defeat against Glenties still rankles with the team but we are lucky that we are in a position to put that right now. But, that all comes down to what happens on the day and whether we can deliver on the day," he said.

revenge

Brendan says that did not get a chance to see Gweedore in action against Ardara but he says that he hopes to avenge the by them in the 2002 decider.

"I didn't see them last Sunday as we were preparing for St Michael's," he explains.

"But we have played Gweedore, we know Gweedore and have played them quite a few times over the last few years and had a few big struggles with them. They beat us in the 2002 county final that was played in 2003 and we need to avenge that too because that was a long drawn out process but we have an opportunity to do that now. Gweedore played very well, I believe, against what was a fancied Ardara team. Gweedore will be going in as favourites to the final and rightly so. They are a big strong physical team and play a physical game and we are going to have to counter act that".

It was easy to notice who St Eunan's most influential players were in the semi-final.

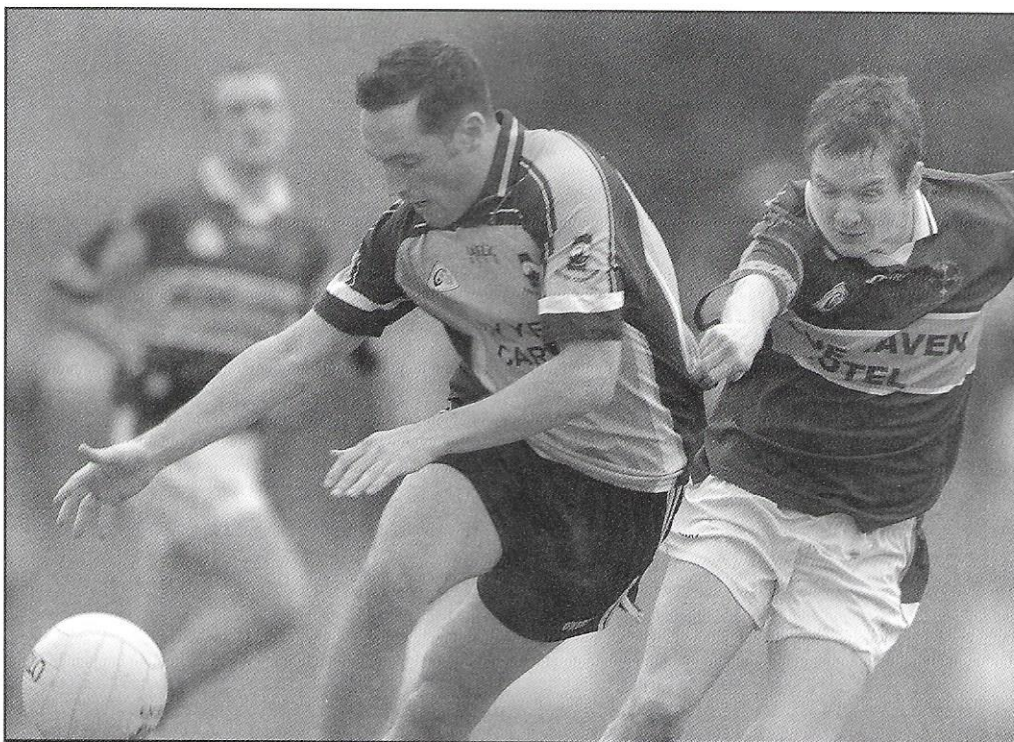
The four minor stars: Mark McGowan, Paul Thornton, Dualtach Molloy and Ross Wherrity all had a major part to play in Eunan's super comeback.

"The four of them got a lot of experience playing with the Donegal minors this year and they are four fine footballers," acknowledged Brendan.

"There is no doubt in their ability and they are a great addition to any squad and they will be a big addition to this club over the next few years going forward".

Most neutrals will, probably, be shouting for the men from Gweedore on Sunday but the Eunan's boss is too long in the tooth to let that get to him.

"You find with St Eunan's that we generally don't generate that much support outside the town and people would tend to support other teams. But, that's OK and we're used to that and we'll have to deal with that in our own way and I'm sure the lads will be well prepared for the game," he concluded.



St. Eunan's Brendan Devenney holds off the Kilcar defender.



# Gaoth Dobhair Senior Team 2006



Back row, l to r: Declan Bonner, Mícheál Ó Dochartaigh, Máirtín Ó Colla, Criostóir Mac Suibhne, Seosamh Ó Dufaigh, Dónal Mac Giolla Bhríde, Tomás Ó Duibhir, Seán Mac Suibhne, Éamonn Mac Aoidh, Ruairí Mac Cumhaill, Mícheál Mac Eachmharcaigh, Rónán Mac Niallais, Seán Ó Duibhir, Seán N Ó Gallachóir. Front row, l to r: Stíofán Ó Casaide, Colmán Mac Cumhaill, Mícheál Ó Curráin, Neil Mac Aoidh, Seán Mac Gairbheith, Criostóir Mac Pháidín, Séamus Ó Gallachóir, Séamus Ó Cearrbhaill, Brian Mac Aoidh, Cathal Ó Maolagáin, Caoimhín Ó Casaide, Pádraig Mac Gairbheith, Cornelius Ó Gallachóir.

# St. Eunan's Senior Team 2006



The St. Eunans Team which defeated St., Michaels in the semi-final. L - R: Back Row: E. Sullivan, C. Ryan, R. Wherity, P. McGowan, E. Brennan, K. Rafferty, T. Blake, B. Devenney, J.P. Clarke, D. Molloy, C. Sharkey, C. Greene, B. Roache Seated Front Row: P. Crampsie, M. McGowan, P. Thornton, D. McLafferty, C. Dunne, R. Kavanagh, J. Haran, C. McIntyre, S. McEwen, B. McDermott, A. McLafferty, M. McGeehin. Front: D. Daly, K. Winston.



# Gweedore and Naomh Conaill 'Reserving' their best football

By Tom Comack, Donegal Democrat, Donegal People Press

To say that today's final pairing have reserved their best football of the season to the championship would be an understatement.

Gweedore who are bidding to get the day off to a winning start, are currently sitting mid-table in the Division 1A reserve table, and out of the reckoning for league honours. And, it is even worse for opponents Naomh Conaill, who are one league below and anchored firmly to the foot of the Division 1B reserve league. But they are the last two standing and after their giant killing acts, in the semi final, Gweedore brushing aside a fancied Ardara, and Naomh Conaill, if not quiet as convincing, ended the hopes of an equally fancied Glenfin. And there can be no great argument about it, while they both may have lived dangerously in their respective campaigns; they have earned the right to lock horns for the honour of being senior reserve champions. Gweedore who took three games to escape the clutches of arch rivals Dungloe in the first round, proved to strong for Aodh Ruadh in the quarter final before putting Ardara to the sword in the semi final. They have improved and got stronger with each outing and the return of Declan Boyle and Padraig Duffy have proved vital in recent weeks, though work commitments may mean that Boyle may miss out on this afternoon's shootout. If he is to miss out, his absence at the heart of the defence will be a setback for manager Frank McGee.

While Boyle, and Duffy along with Sean 'Nancy' Gallagher, are the experienced men in the Gweedore line -up, manager McGee has by and large gone for youth this season. And while it may not have worked in the league it most definitely has in the championship, and there are quiet a few of this team expected to make the step up to the first team in the not too distant future.

Already, Fionann and Ronan Diver, Garry Whoriskey, have Cornelius Gallagher, Brian McGee and Padraig McGarvey looking over their shoulders and along with Christopher Sweeney and Sean Nancy

Gallagher are members of Declan Bonner's senior squad. And regardless of the outcome, it will be a quick rush to the dressing and change for the senior decider. A year ago Naomh Conaill's seniors were centre stage, but St. Michael's dashed the hope of a return for Paddy Campbell and company. But while the reserve final is of little consolation, it does provide crumbs of comfort for a season that does not have the prospect of an over laden trophy cabinet.

Like Gweedore, not all have the played all their best football in the championship Naomh Conaill have improved with every outing and their tough road stood to them against Glenfin last time out. It took four games to separate Sean Connaughton side and Killybegs in the opening round. Their tie going to a second playoff after the first ended all square. And they had just a point to spare in their quarter final clash with Glenswilly, in Glenswilly. They may have made home advantage pay in their semi final victory, and while they were clinging on at the finish they played some scintillating football in the first half. Michael McLoone, Neil Boyle, and Conal McNelis - who terrorised St. Eunan's in last year's senior final along with Charlie Boyle lighting up the scoreboard as they blitzed the Glenfin posts to take a five point, 0-8 to 0-3 lead to the dressing room at the break. They may not have reached the same dizzy heights in the second half, but the loss of midfielder Charlie Boyle, to injury, and centre back and captain Joe Byrne to second yellow card did not help their cause. Livewire corner forward Conal McNelis, is not the only member of last years senior winning side available to Sean Connaughton, keeper Martin Boyle was between the post while Leonard McDyre, Donal Cape, Martin Regan and Michael Regan were also among the 2005 history makers. And it is to these men along with Michael O'Malley, and J.D. Molloy in defence if the men in blue and white are going to write another page in the club history and a first senior reserve championship title.

## Gaoth Dobhair Reserve Manager - Frank Mac Aoidh

Tá obair mhór déanta ag an fhoireann seo ó thús na bliana, agus tá súil agam go mbeidh luach saothair le fáil acu ar a gcuid oibre inniu. Is onóir mhór don fhochumann dhá fhoireann a bheith sna cluichí ceannais an lá céanna, agus guím ádh mór ar an fhoireann sinsear ina gcluiche ceannais níos moille tráthnóna. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le Declan Mac Suibhne a chuidigh go mór liom le linn na bliana. Tá súil agam go mbeidh an dá chorn ar ais na bhaile go Gaoth Dobhair linn tráthnóna inniu.



Pictured are the six swimmers who made history when they arrived at Carrickfinn beach on August 25th last having left Donegal on July 2nd to swim around Ireland. They became first team in history to circumnavigate the country by swimming. They are from left to right: Henry O'Donnell Expedition Leader (Donegal), Tom Watters (Galway), Anne Marie Ward (Donegal), Nuala Moore (Kerry), Ian Claxton (Dublin) & Ryan Ward (Donegal) In addition to scientific research, the team also donated 25% of all money raised to the RNLI's crew training campaign. Their achievement will be acknowledged at half time in today's senior match.



# Naomh Conall Reserve Manager

**Sean Connaughton**

To play in MacCumhaill Park on county final day is every players dream but not every player achieves this and I am just glad to get a chance to manage this team on this big day. At the start of the year, I kept telling the boys they had it in them to go all the way to the final.

The commitment and dedication they have shown has been unbelievable. The four games against Killybegs stood to us well and also the game against Glenswilly but the game where the team really showed their character was in the semi-final against Glenfin when we needed leaders and we had 18 of them.

As for the final, it is going to be hard but fair. Gweedore are a big physical team and will be favourites to win but I'm hoping for a good sporting game and that we'll be coming through Fintown with another championship title.

We have a good mixture of youth and experience in the team with the average age being 24 and we've up to 9 minors on the panel. Gweedore have a very good all round team with loads of experience at this level and we will have to play exceptionally well to come out on top.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who believed in and supported us from the start because there were many who did not expect us to get this far. Thanks also to my mentors, trainer and family and our sponsors for the year Roddy's Bar and Paddy's Bar.

## Naomh Conaill Captain Joe Byrne

Today is another great day for the Naomh Conaill club to be part of county final day in Ballybofey for the fourth year in a row after winning the minor championship in 2003 and 2004 and the seniors winning last year. Hopefully today, the Naomh Conaill Reserves can carry on the winning habit.

We face a very tough Gweedore team who play very good football and have some excellent footballers in their team. Our league form has been very poor but we seem to save our best football for the championship and we will have to continue that good form if we are to beat Gweedore.

We have a very good blend of youth and experience and I am very proud to be captain of the team on county final day. I would like to pay special tribute to all our supporters who have followed us all year and we hope to give plenty to shout about at the end of the game. Finally I would like to mention our management team who have done tremendous work with the team all year.

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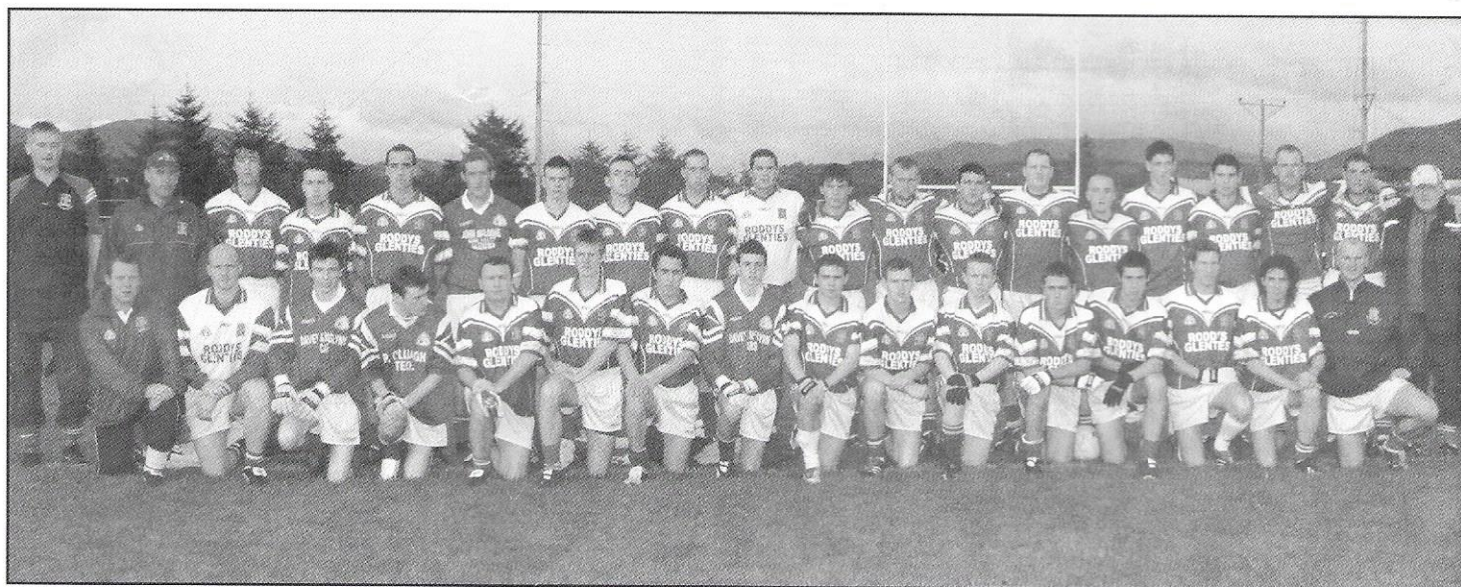


## Player Profile Naomh Conall

Name	<b>Conal Herron</b>
Age	21
Occupation	Student
Highlight Of Career	Winning minor championship 2003
Biggest Influence	Connie Doherty and Martin Regan
Biggest Disappointment	Sean Cundy being suspended for the final
Favourite other Sports	Table Tennis, Aussie Rules
Players To Watch For In The Future	Myself
Favourite Food	Jaffa Cakes From Mc Glinchey's Mace
Favourite Player	Neil Boyle Naomh Conall
Sporting Hero	RAFU
Hopes for the future	That Cundy does not get inside the wire and to win the reserve championship

## Player Profile Gaoth Dobhair

Ainm	<b>Ciarán Ó Fearraigh</b>
Aois	20
Buaicphointe mar imreoir	Craobh na Condae faoi 21 2005
Daoine a raibh tionchar acu orm	Bainisteoirí faoi aois CLG Ghaoth Dobhair
Díoma is mó	Ag cailleadh cluiche leath cheannais mionuir i gcoinne Chill Chartha
Spórt eile is maith liom	Sacar
Imreoir le súil a choinneail air	Danny Ó Curráin
Bia is fearr liom	Cearc
Imreoir is fearr liom	Dara Ó Sé
Laoch Spóirt	Henrik Larsson
Sprioc don todhchaí	Craobhacha peile a bhaint le Gaoth Dobhair agus gortuithe a sheachaint.



**Naomh Conall senior reserve squad.**



**Gaoth Dobhair senior reserve squad.**



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Clubs in the county are promoting the recruitment of supporters for Club Donegal and members who sign up will receive a special club Donegal Jacket and a membership card that will guarantee free admission to all club championship and league games in the county. Supporters who wish to sign up for club Donegal should contact their local club or any member of county executive.

Pictured at the recent launch of Club Donegal in the Abbey Hotel are back row (left to right): Brian McIver (senior team manager), Feda O'Donnell, (Club Donegal), Charlie O'Donnell (county board chairman), PJ Clancy, Michael McGinley, Barry Jackson (all Club Donegal) Front row (left to right): Crona Regan (county board secretary), Michael McLoone (Club Donegal chairman), Noreen Doherty (administration manager), Patrick Doherty (Club Donegal), Charlie Cannon (county board treasurer)

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